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CHIHIRO HARU

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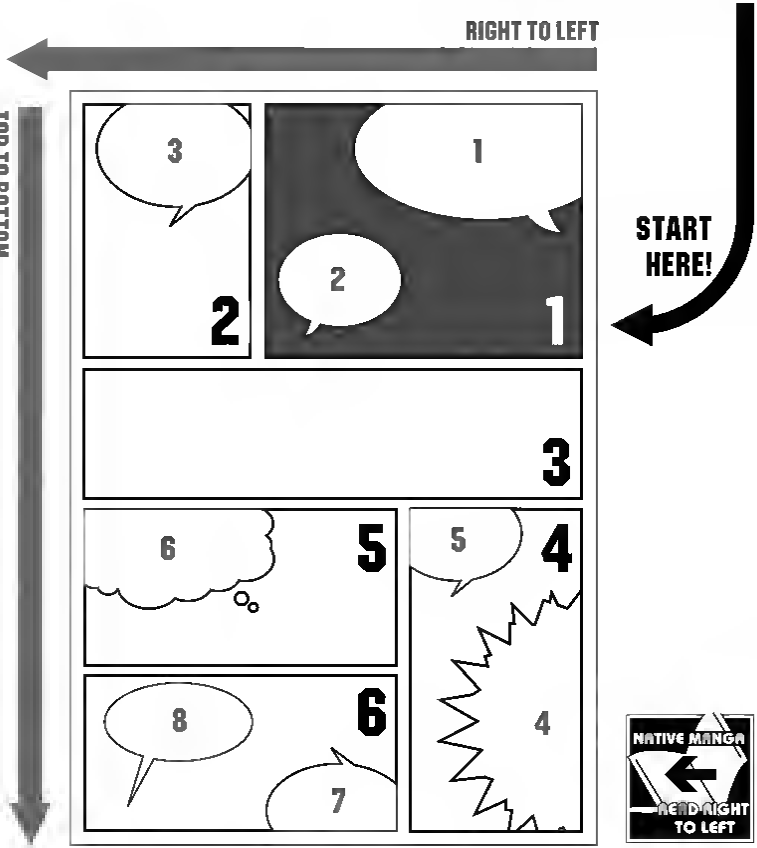
READ EACH PANEL FROM RIGHT TO LEFT, TOP TO BOTTOM SEE HOW IT'S DONE BELOW!



BACK AROUND WHEN THIS WHOLE THING STARTED...
I REMEMBER I THOUGHT I'D SET THE MOOD A LITTLE BY KISSING HER.
I WISH I HADN'T.
ALL I GOT BACK WAS THIS WEIRD STARE.
SHE DIDN'T EVEN CLOSE HER EYES.

SO AFTER THAT, I NEVER TRIED IT AGAIN.
HAAH
WELL, NOT ON HER LIPS, ANYWAY.
Sk
AH!
MNGH
Twitch
HAAH
ANGH
Skp
Skp
Skpp

GRAB MY SHOULDERS.
MM...
BUT REALLY, IT'S ONLY NATURAL.
AAH!
SLRCh
Hnnh...
THAT'S... ENOUGH...
PUT IT... IN...
Hnnh...
Hnnh...

Chapter 9 ◆ Observation

Pooh...
HAAH!
AH ...
WHO
WHO
WHO
TWITCH
Prrrr
... HNGH ...
AH ...!
Pinch
HUAAH ...
Prrrr
HAAH ...
HAH!
AHH... NGH!

Plnk
RIGHT?
NO
QUIT IT
DO IT RIGHT
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
.....
GRAB
LIKE THIS?
Trembl
...
AAH!
ANGH!

TWITCH
HAAH!
AH!
Sirch
Sirch
AHH... URGH...
JESUS
THAT'S SO TIGHT.
Shiver
HAAH...
AHH...
Shiver
PANT...
Sirch
Sirch
HYEE!
AH!
AHH...!
AHHN!
Pinch
WHUD

HOLD ON..
....!
IF YOU GO LIKE THAT THEN I'M GONNA...
IT'S OKAY.
WE'LL DO IT TOGETHER
HAGH
AAH
WHD
WHD

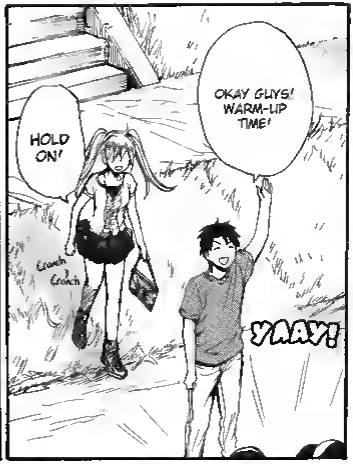
DRIP...
MM...!
HNGH...♡

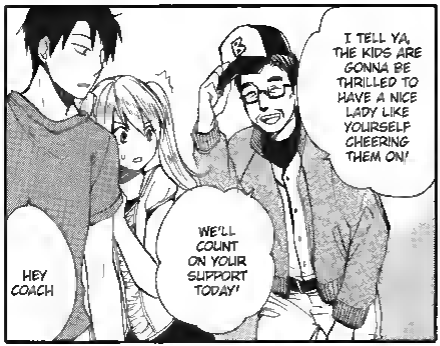
I OVER-SLEPT!
UGH, AND I'M SORE AS HELL.
THAT WAS TOO MUCH YESTERDAY!
WAAGH!
OH CRAP OH CRAP!
I'M SUCH AN IDIOT
I NEED TO GET MY ASS MOVING
I'M BORED.
SO... WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?
I DUNNO. FIND ME SOMETHING FUN TO DO
HELL, EVEN IF I WANTED TO...

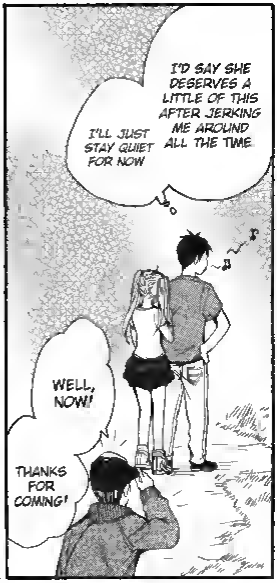
TODAY OF ALL DAYS, I'VE GOT ...
UH ...
Heh.
OKAY, YOU GOT IT!
CAN YOU COME AND MEET ME WHERE I TELL YOU?
?
WHERE IS THIS PLACE?
IT'S BY THE RIVER?
Vrrm
HEY KANO!
OVER HERE!

GOOD MORNIIING!
MORNIN'!
YO YOOO!
....?
HEY LOOK! IT'S A GIRL!
IS THAT YOUR GIRLFRIEND, MR NITTA?
NOT A CHANCE, SQUIRT!
OOH!
WHOAA!
WAAH!
I can see her panties!
YOU KNOW WHY SHE'S HERE?
SHE'S GONNA BE YOUR NUMBER ONE FAN TODAY!
...
HUH?!
WHOOAA!
NO WAY!
REALLY?!

WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THIS?
OH, Y'KNOW
"SOMETHING FUN."
THIS IS GREAT. SHE'S TOTALLY FLUSTERED.


OKAY GUYS! WARM-UP TIME!
HOLD ON!
Crunch Crunch
YAAY!


I TELL YA, THE KIDS ARE GONNA BE THRILLED TO HAVE A NICE LADY LIKE YOURSELF CHEERING THEM ON!
WE'LL COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT TODAY!
HEY COACH


I'D SAY SHE DESERVES A LITTLE OF THIS AFTER JERKING ME AROUND ALL THE TIME
I'LL JUST STAY QUIET FOR NOW
WELL, NOW!
THANKS FOR COMING!

THAT GOES FOR YOU TOO, NITTA!
YOU GOT IT!

CLONG
CLONG
.....
LET'S WIN THIS ONE, GUYS!
YEAAH!
SORRY ABOUT THIS
GUESS I PULLED A FAST ONE ON YOU HERE
BUT I'D ALREADY PROMISED I'D BE HERE TODAY
IT'S TOO SUNNY TODAY.
AND THIS PLACE IS DUSTY
I'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THIS TEAM FOR A LONG TIME.
SO I COME HELP OUT WHEN I GET THE CHANCE.
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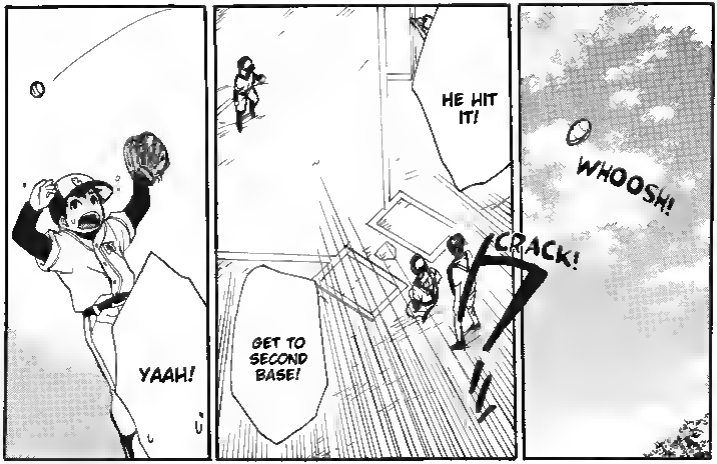
WAAH!
AND THE KIDS KEEP SCREWING UP
WELL, UM...
I guess you're right
WOULD IT KILL YOU TO PEP UP A LITTLE?


YAAH!
GET TO SECOND BASE!
HE HIT IT!
CRACK!
WHOOSH!

ALRIGHT! THAT'S GOOD!
EASY ON THE THROW!
.....

GOOD JOB OUT THERE WE'RE DOING GREAT THIS GAME
LET'S STAY HYDRATED!

HEY MISS!
ARE YOU FEELING SICK?
HAVE A HONEY LEMON!
.....
FORGET IT.
BUT THEY'RE REALLY GOOD...
WHAT'S IT MATTER, ANYWAY?
YOU GUYS ARE GETTING YOUR BUTTS KICKED
THIS IS REALLY BORING TO WATCH YOU OUGHTA LIVEN IT UP A LITTLE
SNORT
WHAT?
NOTH-ING

C'MON! NEXT BATTER'S UP!
OH! OKAY!
GIVE IT YOUR BEST SHOT
SURE!
WOW
DIDN'T EXPECT TO HEAR THAT
CRAK!
WHOA
HE GOT A HIT!

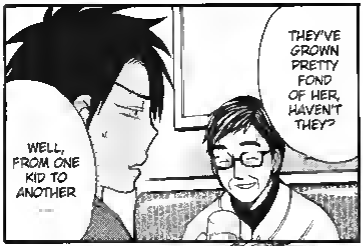
NICE! YOU WHACKED THAT ONE!
Clench
.....
HEEY!
C'MON!
SWEET! THERE GOES THE BUNT!
CLONG
WAAH!
THEY DROPPED IT AT SECOND!
RUUUN!
RUUUN!
あぁ
WHOA!
あぅ
YEAH!
THAT'S A RUN!

LOOKS LIKE YOU DID
DID YOU SEE THAT, MISS?!
I GOT A RUN!
YAAAAY!
Smack!
HERE.
HEY!
YOU GOT MY HAND ALL DIRTY!
AAH! I'M SORRY!
.....

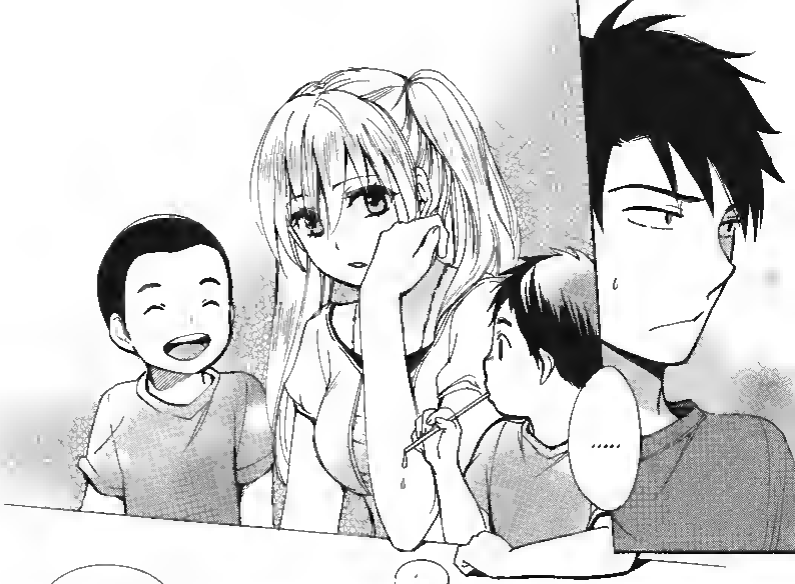
YOU DEFINITELY FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT!
WELL NOW
GREAT JOB TODAY, EVERYBODY!
HOORAAY!
CHEERS!
HEY MISS!
ARE YOU COMING TO THE NEXT GAME?
BUT WE'VE NEVER HAD THAT MANY RUNS BEFORE!
IT'S SO AWESOME TO GET A RUN!
IT'S TOO BAD, THOUGH
WE JUST ABOUT WON IT.

C'MON, GUYS! QUIT BUGGING HER ALREADY!
SO LIKE WHEN?
YOU GUYS SHOULD ACTUALLY PRACTICE.
Hee hee!

MAYBE ONCE YOU GUYS STOP MAKING SO MANY DUMB MISTAKES
WHA?!


THEY'VE GROWN PRETTY FOND OF HER, HAVEN'T THEY?
WELL, FROM ONE KID TO ANOTHER

YOU DON'T LOOK QUITE ALIKE, BUT IS SHE YOUR LITTLE SISTER?
NO NO NO! NOT AT ALL!
I SEE
SHE'S
A FRIEN
I MEAN... AN ACQUAINTANCE
HUH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YES?
IS THAT YOU, KANO?
AWESOME! YO, WE'RE AT KAZU'S AND WE'RE GOING BACKSTAGE, YOU SHOULD TOTALLY COME WITH
OH. YUKI?

HEY KANO, YOU'RE RINGING
HM?
OH, IT'S MY PHONE

Come on. Let's go.
NOT AGAIN!
WHAT THE HELL?!
Clack
!
MAYBE NEXT TIME SORRY.
Rrgh!
HOLD ON!
WHEW
I'M POOPED
UM
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO STICK AROUND FOR THE WHOLE DAY
See ya next time!
Bye bye!
Later!

AND IT WASN'T ANYTHING YOU DID, SHIN.
.....
HUH?
I THINK I GOT SUN-BURNED
BUT IT WAS STILL PRETTY FUN.
FINE, FINE! I GET IT!

Chapter 10 Remission

SHIN!
OH?
HUH?
NO NO, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!
LUNCH TIME IS OVER, ANYWAY.
THAT SEEMS LIKE A SMALL LUNCH.
I COULD GO BUY SOMETHING FOR YOU.
GOT A LOT OF WORK PILED UP.
YEAH.
I SEE YOU DIDN'T GO OUT TO GET LUNCH.
DON'T OVERWORK YOURSELF, OKAY?
Clack
WELL THEN...
OH...
Clack
Clack

IT MUST BE THE SUMMER HEAT GETTING TO ME...
BUT HEY, IT'S STARTING TO COOL DOWN SO ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL!
Gulp
YOU DO? REALLY?
OH?
WHEN I SEE YOU LATELY, I FEEL A LITTLE .
WORRIED

I'LL BE FINE!
YOU KNOW, ONCE YOU GET USED TO SOMETHING...
LIFE JUST KIND OF WORKS ITSELF OUT.

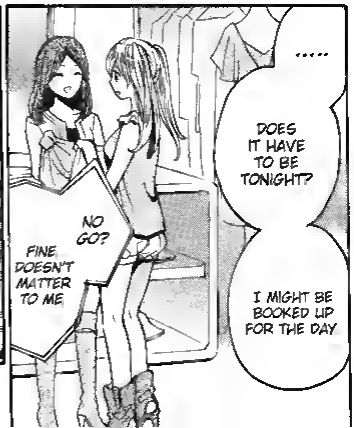
HEY! SHIN!
ARE YOU LISTENING?
HEY
WHICH COLOR DO YOU THINK LOOKS BETTER?
The carpet is really plush.
LIKE BEFORE, I WOULD HAVE BEEN SHOCKED TO GET DRAGGED OUT OF WORK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY.
I WOULDN'T HAVE STEPPED FOOT IN A HIGH-END STORE LIKE THIS
Hell if I know though...
UM... THIS ONE
ALL THE CLERKS LOOK BUSY.
HUH?
WHICH ONE?
YOU'RE ASKING ME?
HMM..
THIS ONE, THEN
Spin
OH!

IS IT TOO BIG?
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, JUST A LITTLE.
DO YOU WANT ME TO ADJUST IT FOR YOU?
YOU REALLY WANTED TO ASK MY OPINION?
BETTER THAN NOT HAVING IT.
.....
CHRIST SHE'S BLOWING MORE ON THESE CLOTHES THAN I SPEND ON FOOD IN A FRIGGIN' MONTH
look at this price.
OH CRAP
MY PHONE
..
!
2:08pm
CALLING
Hajime Nitta

LEAVE ME WAITIN' ALL DAY, WHY DONCHA!
I WAS JUST ABOUT TO HANG UP!
C'MON, I GOT PLENTY GOING ON ALREADY!
WHAT IS IT, BRO?
UH HUH. YEAH. ANYWAY
ABOUT THIS KIKUCHIYA THING...

!
GOT A LITTLE INFO FOR YA
HOW 'BOUT WE MEET SOMEWHERE TONIGHT?

I'LL GET IN TOUCH ONCE I HAVE SOME FREE TIME.
AIGHT. PEACE.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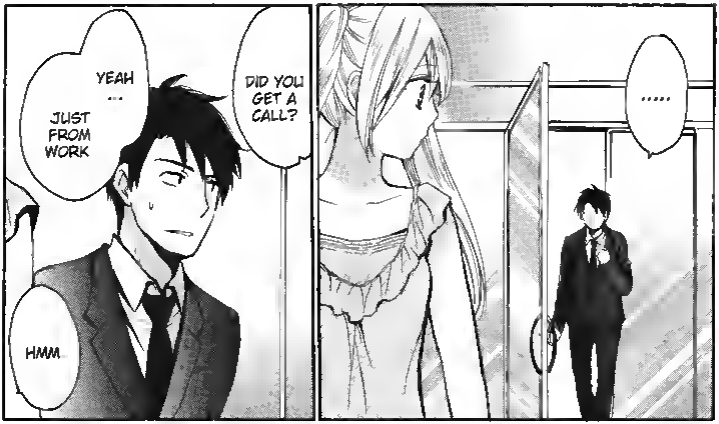
DOES IT HAVE TO BE TONIGHT?
I MIGHT BE BOOKED UP FOR THE DAY
NO GO?
FINE. DOESN'T MATTER TO ME.


DID YOU GET A CALL?
YEAH ... JUST FROM WORK
HMM...
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NOW THEN, I'LL HAVE THIS JACKET FIXED RIGHT AWAY.
IT WILL BE READY THIS EVENING, SO YOU CAN COME AND PICK IT UP WHENEVER WORKS FOR YOU.
OKAY.
BOOKED UP, HUH?
I'LL BE DAMNED. MY LITTLE SHIN'S GROWIN' UP.

PLACE IS OPEN, AIN'T IT?
YOU'VE BEEN DRINKING HERE ALL DAY.
YOU DOING OKAY?
GIMME ANOTHER BOTTLE!
SURE THING!
HUH?
WHY DO YOU CARE?
WAS THAT YOUR GIRLFRIEND
ON THE PHONE JUST NOW?
HAH! YOU GOTTA BE SHITTIN' ME!
AHAHA!
I'M UNATTACHED, BABY!
I THINK I LIKE YOU.

SO WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
I'M MITSUMI YANAMOTO.
THUD
CAN I LEAVE THE BAGS HERE?
YEAH.

HEY SHIN.
OH CRAP! THE TIME!
I NEED TO GET BACK
I'M THIRSTY
ALRIGHT
OH!
I THINK THERE'S SOME WATER IN THE FRIDGE
UMM
OKAY
Squeak Squeak
BRING IT TO ME

UM...
CAN YOU OPEN YOUR MOUTH A LITTLE MORE?
MM
AAHH
Dip
AH
STOP IT
URGH...
FINE, I'LL GO GET A TOWEL THEN
NO
YOUR SLEEVE IS DIRTY
IT'S SPILLING ALL OVER THE PLACE
Wipe

LICK IT UP.
.....
Scratch Scratch
.....
I DON'T REALLY HAVE THE TIME FOR THIS, BUT...
SQUEEZE
!

HORNY LITTLE BRAT.
Slump
.....
AH...

Uhn
LNGH
Tremble
MG
MMM
Skrch
Skrch
Tremble
HAHA
LISTEN TO YOU GO
THRUST
HNNGH'
HAAH'
AH
Tremble
Haa! Ah! Ah!
AANGH
AH!
Glch
Glch
RIGHT THERE
AH!

Slrp
MM...
Slrp
Slrp
Mn...
SEE?
YOU'RE JUST DRENCHED
Mgh!
Mn...
HNNF!
HAAH
NGH
Dip...
Shudder
MMRF
Lick

AH!
.....
MM
...
UHNGH!
MMM...!
Suck
Suck
Drip
Trickle
URGH
..!

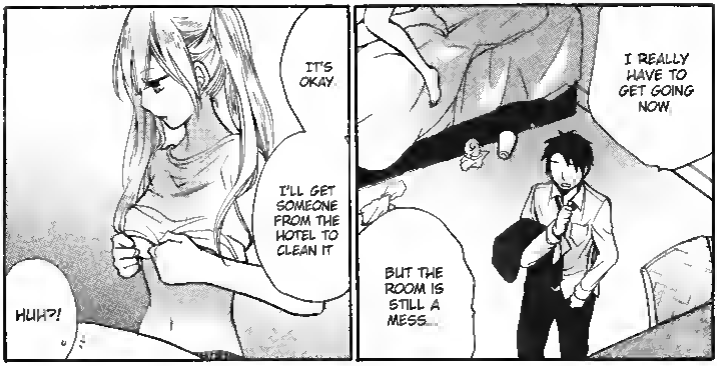
MMGH!
SQUEEZE
MMF!
HRGH
Twitch
MMF
NGH
STOP IT
.....
I'M SORRY
DAMN, I GUESS I GOT A LITTLE CARRIED AWAY

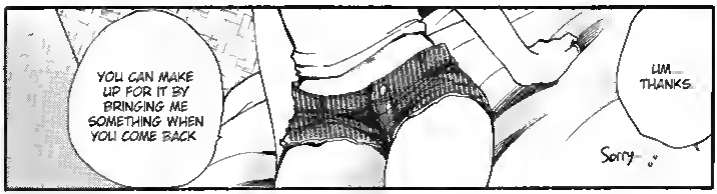
SLIP
SLIP
HAAH
ANGH!
JUST ONE MORE TIME
BUT STILL ...
THAT WAS KINDA CUTE JUST NOW.
HAAH!
WND
SLRCH
GLRCH
AAHH ...!

Haa!
AH!
AH ...!
HAAH!
NGH
GLRCH
GLRCH
HURGH
SLRCH
Haa!
Haa!
HUAGH!
Clench
AH!
SLRCH
SLRCH
HUH?!
DOES THAT HURT?!
RRGH
Hugh!
URGH
I CAN'T .. TAKE THIS...
Hugh

N.. NO...
I FEEL SO... FULL INSIDE...
DROOP
I...
Drip
I CAN'T BREATHE...
.....
SLURP
I'M SORRY
HUH...?!
N... NO!
Pat
WHD
JUST HOLD ON A LITTLE LONGER...
...ANGH!
NO!
QUIT IT...!
TREMBLE
TWITCH
I'M...
GONNA...!
SLRGH

Slip
HAAH ...
Haaa
Tremble
Hnnh
URRGH ...
Tremble
Hnnh
IT'S ALMOST FIVE!
OH CRAP!


IT'S OKAY
I'LL GET SOMEONE FROM THE HOTEL TO CLEAN IT
HUH?!
I REALLY HAVE TO GET GOING NOW
BUT THE ROOM IS STILL A MESS...


YOU CAN MAKE UP FOR IT BY BRINGING ME SOMETHING WHEN YOU COME BACK
UM... THANKS.
Sorry...

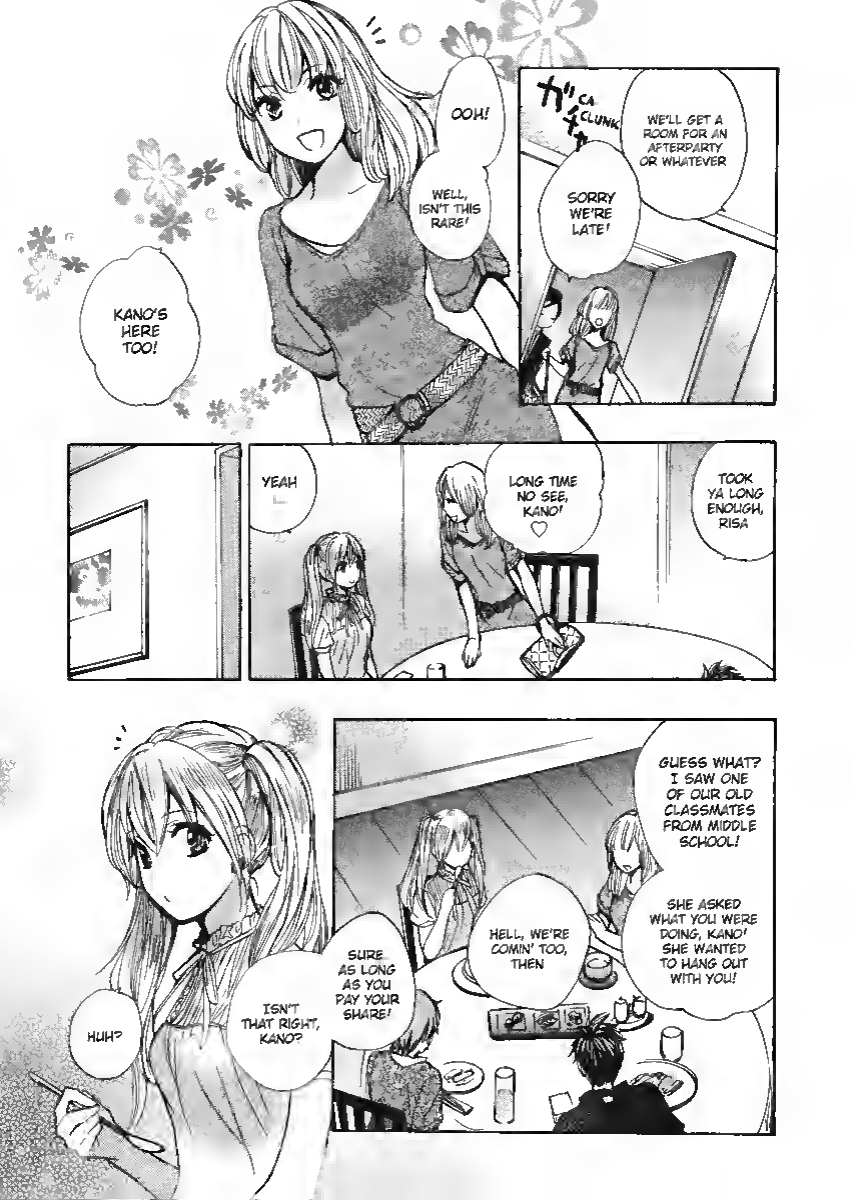
OH!
ALSO...
YOU GOT IT!
I'LL SEE YOU THEN!
Clomp clomp
AH. OKAY.
THEY SAID IT WOULD BE READY BY THIS EVENING
THE JACKET I GOT AT THE STORE TODAY.
LIKE WHAT?

LET'S GET DINNER TONI-
SURE, SURE.
YOU KNOW I CAN'T REFUSE YOUR ORDERS, KANO!
SEE YOU TONIGHT

Pomf
I'M SORRY! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
Clomp Clomp
OH!
CHIEF?!
.....

Chapter 11◆ Negotiation

Clink
WE'RE GONNA HAVE A PARTY COMING UP.
YOU IN?
HMM...
GUESS I'VE BEEN A LITTLE SCARCE LATELY.
MY DAD WANTS TO SEE ME. MAYBE I'LL DROP BY FOR A BIT.
HOW 'BOUT YOU, KANO?
I KNOW IT'S A PAIN, BUT CAN YOU STOP BY TOO?
WHERE'S IT GONNA BE?
YUKI'S DAD DIDN'T TELL YOU?
IT'S AT HIS PLACE, HOTEL LUNA TWO.
AH...

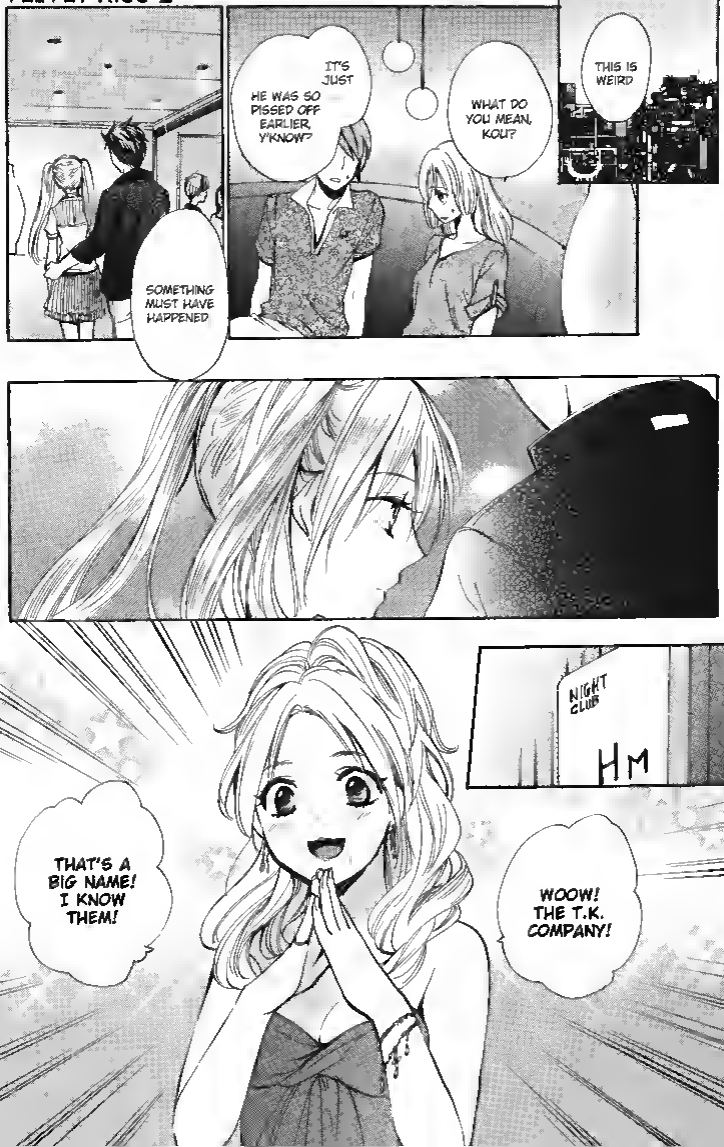

KANO'S HERE TOO!
OOH!
WELL, ISN'T THIS RARE!
ガチャ CLUNK
SORRY WE'RE LATE!
WE'LL GET A ROOM FOR AN AFTERPARTY OR WHATEVER
YEAH
LONG TIME NO SEE, KANO! ♡
TOOK YA LONG ENOUGH, RISA
HUH?
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, KANO?
SURE AS LONG AS YOU PAY YOUR SHARE!
HELL, WE'RE COMIN' TOO, THEN
GUESS WHAT? I SAW ONE OF OUR OLD CLASSMATES FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL!
SHE ASKED WHAT YOU WERE DOING, KANO! SHE WANTED TO HANG OUT WITH YOU!

YOU KNOW
I FEEL LIKE SOMETHING'S COME BETWEEN US RECENTLY.
WHAT?
YOU'RE NOT LISTENING?
JEEZ, EARTH TO KANO
SORRY
.....
YOU'VE BEEN STEPPING OUT ON US A LOT
AND YOU CHANGED YOUR NUMBER
I guess you did tell me eventually.
WELL, MAYBE IT'S NO BIG DEAL
Pww
BUT WE'VE FELT KIND OF LONELY LATELY
YUKI'S ALWAYS SAYING~
RISA.

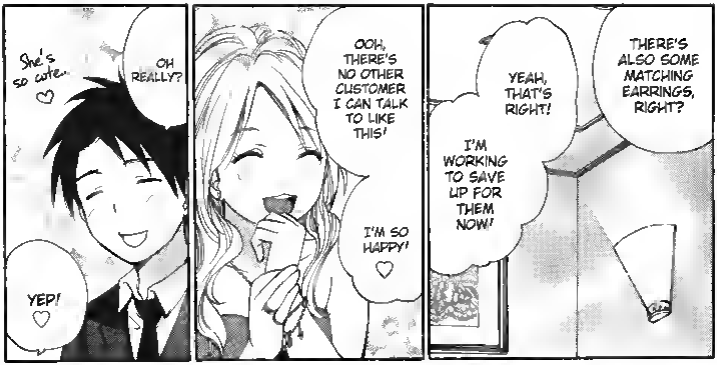
YUKI?
BUT... YOU...
KANO'S HAD A LOT TO DEAL WITH LATELY
LAY OFF ALREADY

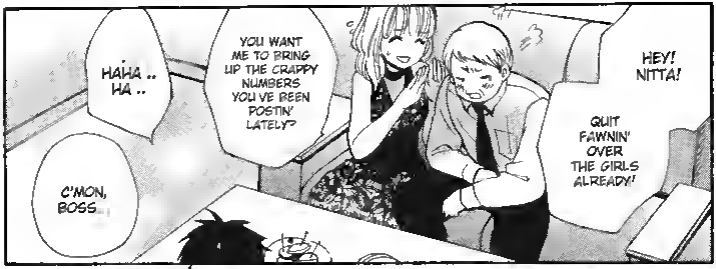
BUT LISTEN...
KANO.
DROP IT.
CLINK
WE'RE NOT ALL TOGETHER VERY OFTEN. GIVE IT A REST.

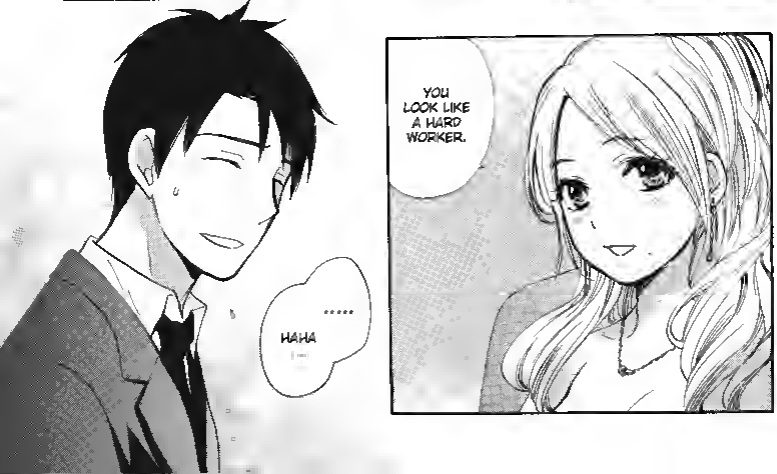
WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS, Y'KNOW?
YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT WE'RE ALWAYS GONNA BE HERE FOR YOU
YOU CAN COME TALK TO US ABOUT ANYTHING
OKAY?
FRIENDS, HUH
.. OH, YEAH!
JUST LIKE YUKI SAID!
RIGHT?
KOU?
UH YEAH
FOR SURE


THIS IS WEIRD
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, KOU?
IT'S JUST HE WAS SO PISSED OFF EARLIER, Y'KNOW?
SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED
NIGHT CLUB
HM
WOOW! THE T.K. COMPANY!
THAT'S A BIG NAME! I KNOW THEM!

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO UNDERSTANDS ME!
Sob Sob Sob
HE'S HAD TOO MANY DRINKS AT THIS POINT
HE SURE IS LUCKY TO HAVE A GREAT BOSS LIKE YOU! ♡
THAT'S SO GREAT!
I HEARD BUSINESS IS ROUGH EVERYWHERE!
Bwa ha ha ha!
YEAH, AND GUESS HOW HE LANDED THAT SWEETHEART DEAL!
I TAUGHT HIM HOW TO PLAY THE GAME!
WAIT
HERE HAVE ONE!
OH, NO TROUBLE AT ALL! ♡
SORRY ABOUT HIM.
THIS IS OUR THIRD PLACE TONIGHT. SO HE'S TIPPED A FEW BACK
I'll get him home okay
Wow!
I'm so impressed!
I REMEMBER ONE OF THE SHOPS RECOMMENDING IT TO KANO
GUESS THAT CAME IN HANDY.
WHAT? OH! YES! YOU'RE RIGHT!
IT'S NOT EVEN A MAJOR BRAND! YOU'RE REALLY SMART!
Most girls wouldn't even know it!
I KNOW THAT. IT'S THE NEW MAJORCA BRACELET, RIGHT?


She's so cute...
OH REALLY?
YEP!
OOH, THERE'S NO OTHER CUSTOMER I CAN TALK TO LIKE THIS!
I'M SO HAPPY!
THERE'S ALSO SOME MATCHING EARRINGS, RIGHT?
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT!
I'M WORKING TO SAVE UP FOR THEM NOW!


HEY! NITTA!
QUIT FAWNIN' OVER THE GIRLS ALREADY!
YOU WANT ME TO BRING UP THE CRAPPY NUMBERS YOU'VE BEEN POSTIN' LATELY?
HAHA.. HA..
C'MON, BOSS...


YOU LOOK LIKE A HARD WORKER.
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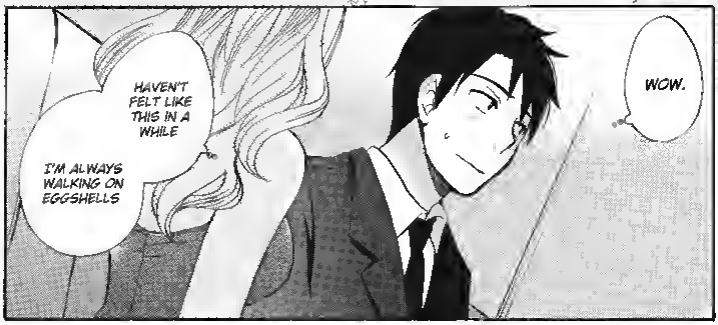
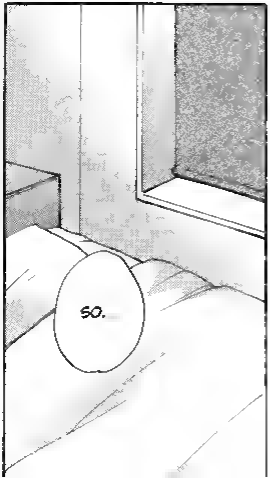
HAHA


WOW.
HAVEN'T FELT LIKE THIS IN A WHILE
I'M ALWAYS WALKING ON EGGSHELLS


SO.

NICE TO GET A LITTLE KIND TREATMENT FOR A CHANGE.
WHAT WAS THAT?
SMIRK
GETTIN' LOW ON CASH, BUT WHAT'S ANOTHER BOTTLE!
YAAY!

HOW MUCH YOU OFFERIN'?
HMM...
THIS, PLUS
FIFTEEN THOUSAND YEN
FUCK THAT!
THIS IS SOME SERIOUS SHIT, HERE!
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDIN' ME, MITSUMI!
OH?
SERIOUS, IS IT.
I CAN'T HELP IT! I GOT A LOUD VOICE!
AND YET YOU TALKED ABOUT IT SO LOUDLY ON THE PHONE
I DIDN'T THINK A WAITRESS WOULD BE EAVES-DROPPING ON ME!

IT'S RUDE TO POKE YOUR NOSE WHERE IT DOESN'T BELONG.
TWENTY THOU-SAND!
EIGHTEEN THOUSAND
TIGHT-WAD...
WHO'S THE TIGHTWAD HERE?
WELL, HELL FINE
CALL IT A DEAL
ALRIGHT! ♡

AND HERE I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST SOME LAZY OLD DRUNK!
Pop
BUT AT LEAST YOU'RE A DRUNK WHO CAN GAB A LITTLE! ♡
HO HOO...
YOU'RE CHEAP, BUT YOU DON'T SPARE THE INSULTS!
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT! ♡

IT'S ALL BUSINESS WITH YOU
WE SAID WE'D KEEP IT CLEAN
SO LET'S QUIT WASTING TIME AND GET STARTED
MAYBE.
Snap
WHOA! THEY'RE HUGE!
Flop

MM?
PLUNK
WAIT TIME OUT...
HELL YEAH!
YOU LIKE 'EM BIG?
ALTHOUGH I TAKE WHAT I CAN GET, TO BE HONEST
Long as I can touch 'em
JESUS, WHAT NEXT WITH YOU?!
IF I CAN MAKE YOU COME TWICE, LET'S MAKE IT FIFTEEN THOUSAND ♡
YOU THAT SURE OF YOURSELF?
NOT REALLY.

LET'S HAVE A LITTLE FUN WITH THIS!
.....
NGH!
Slrp
Slrp
Slrp
MM...♡
HAAH
Smack
MM!
HNF
NGH
Roll
Hmmh
Slrp
Slrp
Slrp
Hu?
IT'S HUGE
I'M LUCKY!♡

Mmgh!
YOU'RE NOT AFRAID THAT IT'LL HURT?
Really? It is?
IT'S OKAY! ♡
I LIKE 'EM BIG!
WHOA.
DAMN.
Drip..
Drip..
FMMGH
UHN...
Muff
Muff
NEVER HAD A GIRL GET ALL OF IT IN HER MOUTH.
MMF!
Slrp
Slrp
Slrp
UNGH...
URGH...

GRAB
Srsh!
HNNGH?!
Slrp
URGH!
HAH
AH!
Swish
NGH!
Slrp
Smaack
Pop
Squeeze
SHIT! I'M
MRGH!
SHOVE
NGH!
SHOVE
HNF!
HGH!
Gugh
Slrch
Slrch
Pooch!
AAHH
HAAGH
SHOVE

SPLURT
!
SPLURT
Drip
ANGH
SORRY.
JEEZ! THAT WAS AWFUL! I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA DIE!
BUT THAT MAKES ONE TIME FOR YOU!
CAN YOU KEEP GOING?
HUFF
PUFF
WELL, I'M AN OLD MAN...
GIMME A SEC
DON'T MAKE ME WAIT! ♡

AH...
WOW ♡
DAMN, THAT'S TIGHT
Slip
Slip
Slip
MM...! ♡
Slrch
Slrch
SLIP
IT FEELS GREAT...
AH! ♡
IT SURPRISED ME A LITTLE, BUT...
NO...
THAT REALLY DOESN'T HURT?
Bip

Swing
Whap!
Slrch
...HNGH!
EEK!
Mgh!
Mgh!
THAT'S SO GOOD
Hyaah!
Hah...
Hah...
AHHN!
AH...
WHD
HW...AH!
...AH!
WHD
AH!
SLRCH
WHD

Hmph
Hmph
MMF ...!
Splort
SPLURCH!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
HNGH ...
AH ...
I'M COMING!

Plop
HAAH..
AHH...
HAAH..♡
UM..
WHAT?
Peace?
I MADE YOU COME TWICE!
FIFTEEN THOUSAND!♡
FINE, FINE

ROLL
AHH, THAT WAS SO MUCH FUN! ♡
YEAH, THANKS.
BUT I'M A CHEAP BASTARD, SO I'LL TAKE MY PAYMENT.
Tch
WOULD HAVE BEEN WORTH IT EVEN IF WE WEREN'T MAKING A DEAL! ♡
DON'T YOU AGREE?
OKAY, FINE.
LET'S HEAR THAT INFO.

DONE AND DONE
SORRY TO HOP TO BUSINESS SO QUICK.

NOW... TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT THE KIKUCHIYAS.

Chapter 12 ◆ A Chance Encounter

Ca-clunk
Clink
KANOKO?

THANK HEAVENS
THERE ARE QUITE A FEW FORMS AWAITING YOUR SIGNATURE
YOU FROZE MY CREDIT CARD
FIX IT.
AH, YES ..
I APOLOGIZE FOR ANY TROUBLE THAT MAY HAVE CAUSED YOU
I'D TRIED CONTACTING YOU THROUGH MR ISHIZUKA, BUT IT DIDN'T SEEM TO BE WORKING
BESIDES ...

AND WE HADN'T SEEN EACH OTHER IN SUCH A LONG TIME!
I'M GLAD THAT YOU SEEM WELL.
YOU SHOULD FEEL FREE TO COME HOME ANY-
SLAM!
I CAN HARDLY SIGN THESE IN YOUR STEAD, CAN I?
I ASSURE YOU I HAVE ONLY THE BEST OF INTENTIONS.
DON'T ACT LIKE YOU'RE FAMILY.

.....
I'M SORRY
.....
BUT YOU SHOULD STILL COME TO KOU'S FATHER'S PARTY
IT DOESN'T NEED TO BE THE WHOLE THING. JUST SHOW YOUR FACE.
KANOKO?

YOU STILL NEED THAT CREDIT CARD...
DON'T YOU!?
.....
HUH? IS THAT YOU, BRO?
I'M COMIN' HOME FROM WORK.

....!
That down
RIGHT LATER!
OKAY, MONDAY, THEN
SO IF WE'RE GONNA MEET UP, I WAS THINKING NEXT SATURDAY...
HUH? THE HORSE RACES?
Hell if I care
DAISUKE!
WHA?

OHH, DAISUKE!
UM...
HUH?
WHO'S SHE?!
AND WHO'S DAISUKE?!
OHH...
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
Squeeze
IT'S REALLY YOU...
WAAAAHH!
?!
JUST A...
HO.. HOLD ON A SECOND!
YOU'VE GOT ME MIXED UP WITH SOMEONE ELSE!
PANIC
PANIC
CAN YOU JUST... UM..
WHY'S THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN IN FRONT OF ALL THESE PEOPLE?!

WILL YOU JUST CALM DOWN FOR A...
HUH...?
GRK!
HELLO?
She's
DAISUKE?
UM...
NO... YOU'RE NOT HIM...
YOU GOT THAT RIGHT!
I'M REALLY, REALLY...
REALLY SORRY ABOUT EVERYTHING!

I DIDN'T MEAN TO GIVE YOU SUCH A START
IT SURPRISED ME TOO .. YOU LOOK JUST LIKE HIM
YES I AM!
I'M SO SORRY
I JUST FELL TO PIECES BACK THERE
ARE YOU FEELING BETTER NOW?
NO, IT'S FINE...
YOU JUST STARTLED ME A LITTLE
NO, NO.
IT'S NOT A VERY HAPPY SITUATION, THOUGH.
JEEZ, AM I THAT MUCH OF A RINGER FOR THIS GUY?
IF IT BROUGHT YOU TO TEARS...
THEN... OH! AM I BEING TOO NOSY?
NOT AROUND?
I SHOULD LEARN WHEN TO LET GO.
BUT HE'S NOT AROUND ANYMORE.
IT'S JUST THAT FROM BEHIND...
YOU LOOK EXACTLY LIKE SOMEONE I USED TO KNOW

.....
GAH!
OH! SORRY! YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME!
NO NO, IT'S FINE.
IT'S TOTALLY IMPOSSIBLE!
WHAT AM I EVEN SAYING?
IT ALL HAPPENED SO LONG AGO, ANY-WAY!
OH, I'VE MADE SUCH A FOOL OF MYSELF...
WITH SOMEONE I DON'T EVEN KNOW, AT THAT!
I REALLY DO APOLOGIZE
OH
SHE GAVE ME QUITE A SHOCK AT FIRST..
THERE'S NO NEED TO..
BUT SHE SEEMS LIKE A GOOD PERSON
She's cute, too...
Bzzt

HERE FOR THE COFFEE.
HUH?
OH!
SORRY I DIDN'T MEAN TO KEEP YOU HERE IF YOU'RE BUSY.
I'M FINE NOW, SO I'LL BE ON MY WAY
UGH
06 14pm
Kana
YOU DON'T NEED TO..
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
IT'S ALRIGHT.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
SURE ..

I WISH I COULD HAVE TALKED TO HER JUST A LITTLE LONGER.
YOU KNOW I DIDN'T EVEN GET HER NAME...
JESUS. FINALLY.
YOU'RE LATE.
AND NOW, BACK TO THE GRIND ...
She's in a bad mood

DID SOMETHING SET HER OFF?
SORRY.
CLOSE THE DOOR ALREADY
HAVE A SEAT.
Huh?
MAN, THIS IS A CRAMPED LITTLE PLACE
OR MAYBE IT'S JUST ME?
I GUESS SHE'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS
...YEAH
I FELT DISGUSTING.
DID YOU JUST GET OUT OF THE BATH?
IT SURE WAS A HOT ONE TODAY

I CALLED YOU BECAUSE I WANTED TO FEEL BETTER.
LET'S DO IT.
I DON'T THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA ..
IT COULD CAUSE A SCENE OR SOMETHING
SOMEONE MIGHT COME IN HERE, EVEN IF IT'S A PRIVATE ROOM
WHAT?
UM... HERE?
HOW MANY TIMES AM I GONNA HAVE TO TELL YOU?!

WHAT ARE YOU...
.....
THWUMP
WHAT THE HELL?
SHE MADE IT SOUND LIKE SOME BIG EMERGENCY...
BUT IN THE END...
LET ME GUESS...
THIS IS WHY YOU TOOK A BATH?
SHE JUST WANTED TO SCREW.
YOU JUST CAN'T CONTROL YOUR URGES, CAN YOU?
GO AHEAD AND THINK THAT IF YOU LIKE.

SLURCH
SLURCH
FUP
.....
WAIT
YOU'RE GONNA STAIN MY SUIT
RGH
GONNA COME ALREADY?
C'MON BITE YOUR LIP

Shiver
Splurt
Sprch
PERVERT
YOU'RE WORRIED SOMEONE MIGHT COME IN HERE...
DOES THAT TURN YOU ON?
OHH WOW
HAHA
I BET YOU'D BE MORTIFIED.
MMF

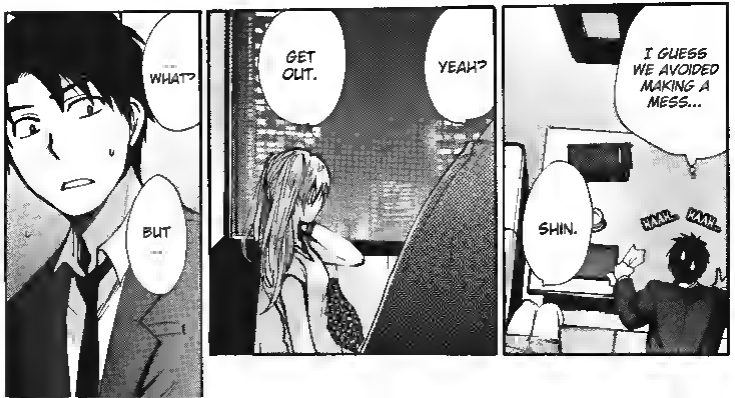
YOU'RE OLD ENOUGH TO KNOW BETTER...
BUT YOU'RE JUST SOME STUPID SLAVE
HOW PATHETIC.
ÄH!
Flop!
!
SWIP!

BUT WHY?
DIDN'T YOU JUST COME?
WHO THE HELL CARES?!
Snip
WHAT?!
UGGH...
MAYBE WHAT SHE'S SAYING IS RIGHT.
I REALLY AM A PERVERT.
FUCK, THIS IS MAKING ME SICK.

WHUD
.....
...AH!
MAKING ME SICK
Whap
AGH
WAAH!
AH..!
MM
Hmm!
Hmm!
WHUD
HEY, QUIET DOWN
SOMEONE'S GONNA HEAR YOU
HNGH
WHAP
WHUD
WHAP

Mmf
WHAT DID YOU JUST IMAGINE?
TREMBLE
HAHA DAMN
TREMBLE
Urgh...
WHAT NOW?
YOU'RE AT THE MERCY
OF A PERVERT LIKE ME.
HNNF ...!
SHUDDER
Ugh!
..HNGH!
I'M ..
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
URGH ...
SHUDDER
Ugh!

TREMBLE
TREMBLE
AH ...!
NGH!
HAAH ...


I GUESS WE AVOIDED MAKING A MESS...
SHIN.
KAAH. KAAH.
YEAH?
GET OUT.
WHAT?
BUT ...

THE HELL WAS THAT?!
NOTHING OUT OF THE USUAL, BUT STILL!
.....
JEEZ, WHAT CRAWLED UP HER BUTT?!
I SAID GET OUT.
I'M SO STUPID ...

Thud
UGH ...
MY BACK IS KILLING ME
I'M GONNA BE A DEAD MAN IF I HAVE TO DO THIS EVERY DAY
Vsshhh
Ca-chunk
WAAHH!
YOU SCARED THE HELL OUTTA ME!
WHAT IS IT, KANO?!
HERE. I'LL WASH YOUR BACK

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ALL I'M GONNA DO IS WASH YOU OFF.
WHAT ARE YOU SO EMBAR-RASSED ABOUT?
DON'T GET ANY WEIRD IDEAS, SHIN.
I'M FINE!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!
HUH?!
NO, NO..
.....

DAMMIT! SHE DID THAT ON PURPOSE!
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!
NEVERMIND
WHAT?!
UM... I THINK YOUR, UH...
Slip...
YOU WOULDN'T USE YOUR HANDS LIKE THAT TO "WASH" SOMEBODY!
Blop
Blop
IT'S ALWAYS THIS CRAP WITH HER!
Pop
WELL NOW, WHAT'S THIS?
STOPPING AT THE LAST SECOND, AND THEN...

.....
I SAID I WAS ONLY GOING TO WASH YOU, BUT LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENED!
HOW VERY STRANGE!

Squeeze
...NGH!
OW!
THAT HURT!
Thump
...GAH!
Sloop
Tremble
AH...
Squeeze
.....
AH...!
WILL YOU QUIT SCREWING AROUND?
DO YOU REALLY HAVE THAT MUCH FUN MESSING WITH ME?

IT DOESN'T TAKE VERY MUCH...
Rrgh!
TO GET YOU UPSET.

HEY ...
TIME YOU DID SOMETHING ABOUT THIS THING

YEAH ...
I GUESS I DO.

SLIP...!
GOD DAMMIT!
HNGH ...!

Thump
HAAH ...
.....
COMPLAIN ALL YOU WANT..
HERE YOU ARE, HAVING SEX WITH SOMEONE WHO DRIVES YOU CRAZY
YOU REALLY ARE PATHETIC
GRUMBLE
GRUMBLE
GRUMBLE
RIGHT BACK AT YOU.
Slurch
... AH!
TREMBLE
AH ...!
SLRCH
SLRCH

Hnnh
Hnnh
CAN'T EVEN CONTROL YOUR VOICE, CAN YOU?
NO ...
I'M NOT ..
Hnnh
Twist
Twist
Hnnh..
Ah!
AH!
HUAAH ...♡
Bounce
WHAP
WHAP
Hnnh!
WHAP
WHAP
!
WHAT ...
PULL
QUIT IT!
I DON'T WANNA ...
Twitch
Hnnh
Hnn♡
WHD
Twitch
HNF!
AAH ...
Ah! Ahh!
WHD
WHD
Whap
Whap

Shiver
TREMBLE
AH...!
Drip
TREMBLE
Drip
SPLURT
CLUNK
I FELL FOR THAT ONE, HOOK, LINE, AND SINKER.
I'M SUCH AN IDIOT
Dizzy
UGH, NOT AGAIN

UM... KANO?
DID I DO SOMETHING TO PISS YOU OFF?
.....
WHY DO YOU ASK?
YOU HAVEN'T EXACTLY BEEN IN A GREAT MOOD TODAY
I MEAN, IF I DID SOMETHING THAT UPSET YOU AND I DIDN'T REALIZE IT
THEN I'M SORRY
NOT REALLY
I'VE HAD A LOT GOING ON LATELY NOT JUST STUFF WITH YOU.
THEN WHY...
LISTEN, SHIN...

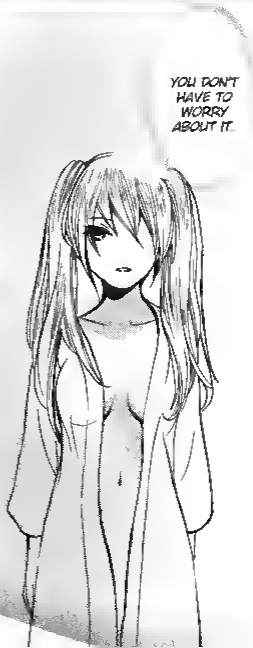
I'LL GET YOU SOMETHING TO DRINK
IF THE DEBT STUFF IS BUGGING YOU THEN YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT.
YOU'RE NOT GONNA GET CUT OFF.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS TALKING ABOUT.
.....
AND I WENT TO ALL THE EFFORT OF BRINGING IT UP.
UGGH!
FUCK THIS!
Womp
TAK

OH, SHIN?
YOU HAVE A CALL!
ALRIGHT ...
FROM A MR ISHIZUKA, I THINK?
ISHI-ZUKA?
DRAWIN' A BLANK...
WHO COULD HE BE?
HELLO? SORRY FOR THE DELAY.
I APOLOGIZE FOR INTER-RUPTING YOU AT WORK.
MY NAME IS ISHIZUKA AND I'M CALLING ON BEHALF OF THE KIKUCHIYA COMPANY.
!
THE ...
I BELIEVE WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY MET RE-GARDING MATTERS FINANCIAL.
DO YOU RECALL?
UH ...
IT'S THAT OLD FART AGAIN!
SO, UM ... WHY ARE YOU CALLING?
YES, OF COURSE.
I'M SEEKING A SIMPLE CONFIR-MATION

.....
MR. NITTA? ARE YOU THERE?
WITH MISS K. NOKO?
ARE YOU MAINTAINING A PROPER FRIENDSHIP . .

BEG YOUR PARDON?
MM?
IF IT'S NOT ONE THING, IT'S ANOTHER

.. ALSO!
IS THAT SO? THEN I'M PLEASED TO-
THERE'S NO CAUSE FOR CONCERN
YEAH, EVERYTHING'S GOING FINE NO PROBLEMS


YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT

Phew.
.....
WHY'S HE HAVE TO GO OUT OF HIS WAY TO HARASS ME?
Slam.
WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, WILL YOU STOP CALLING ME AT WORK?
I DON'T NEED THIS HASSLE.
PLEASE
HE SHOULD KNOWN DAMN WELL HIMSELF.
HIM, OF ALL PEOPLE
YOU'RE NOT GONNA GET CUT OFF.

LET'S SEE HERE
I'M MEETING HAJIME...
WHERE THE CHUO LINE TRANSFERS, AND THEN...
Knock
AH!
OH!
I'M SORRY
LIM..
HEY!
I REMEMBER YOU!
YOU'RE THAT LADY WHO CALLED ME DAISUKE
OH NO...

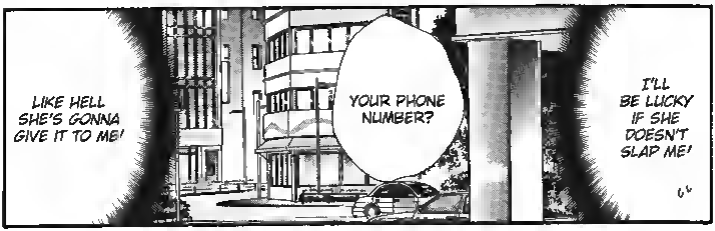
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D ACTUALLY SEE HER AGAIN
MAYBE SOMETHING LIKE THIS IS BOUND TO HAPPEN EVERY NOW AND THEN
IT'S SORT OF AN ACCIDENT, THOUGH...
Waah!
I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW SORRY I AM ABOUT THAT WHOLE THING!
NO NO NO!
THIS IS SO EMBARRASSING!
I JUST GOT ASSIGNED HERE FOR WORK
I'M HEADED THAT WAY
Huh...
SO YOU'RE PRETTY CLOSE TO WHERE MY JOB IS
WE MUST GET OFF AT THE SAME STATION!
SO WHERE ARE YOU HEADED?
JUST TO THE TRAIN STATION
I'M MEETING SOMEBODY
OH?
HEHE
MM?
WHAT IS IT?

I WAS JUST THINKING THAT I WAS LUCKY
THAT THIS LIGHT IS TAKING A WHILE
HUH?
?
REALLY?
NOW THE TWO OF US CAN TALK A LITTLE LONGER
ISN'T THAT NICE?
.....
SHE COULDN'T MEAN..
NO NO, WAIT A SECOND!
I'M GETTING THE WRONG IDEA!
SHE'S ONLY TALKING TO ME BECAUSE I LOOK LIKE HER OLD BOYFRIEND!
THERE'S NOTHING TO IT BESIDES THAT!

THERE'S THE SIGNAL NOW
OH...
AH!
I GOTTA STOP BEFORE I GET ANY WEIRD IDEAS...
I'D BETTER BE ON MY WAY.
I GUESS THIS IS GOODBYE
UM
WAIT!

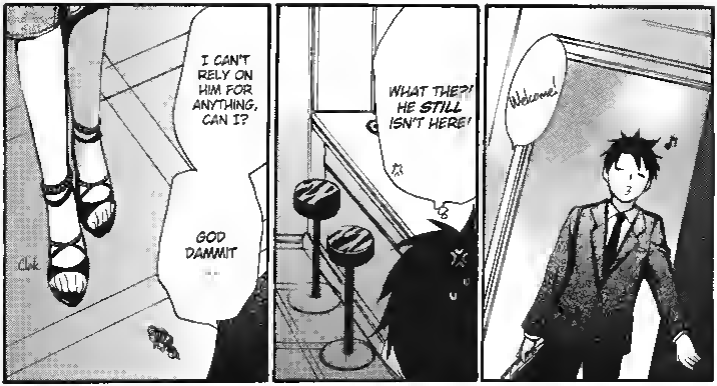
I MEAN, IT'S SUCH A WEIRD COINCIDENCE AND ALL...
AND THERE MAY NOT BE A NEXT TIME...
GET YOUR NAME, MAYBE?
UH...
COULD I AT LEAST...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO, BUT...
IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU
MAYBE EVEN YOUR, UH...
AND, UM..
AGGH! WHAT AM I SAYING?!
I'M THE BIGGEST CREEP ON THE PLANET!
I'M SO DESPERATE!


LIKE HELL SHE'S GONNA GIVE IT TO ME!
YOUR PHONE NUMBER?
I'LL BE LUCKY IF SHE DOESN'T SLAP ME!

HUH?
I'M RUMI SAEKI.
IN ANY CASE, I NEED TO CROSS NOW
I'LL SEND IT TO YOU INFRARED, OKAY?

I'LL BE A LITTLE LATE FOR THE MEETING, BUT...
NO BIG DEAL. IT'S HAJIME
Boop
I'LL BE DAMNED.
WELL, I'M GLAD I GAVE IT A SHOT!


I CAN'T RELY ON HIM FOR ANYTHING, CAN I?
GOD DAMMIT
Clink
WHAT THE?! HE STILL ISN'T HERE!
Welcome!

Clink
Wipe
Wipe

IS THAT YOU, HAJIME?
YOU'RE

GOOD EVENING!
LATE
....?
EVEN-ING...
Nice suit.
BARTENDER! TWO BEERS, PLEASE!
Sure thing!
HE'LL HAVE ONE
WHAT?!
It's my usual spot.
MIND IF I SIT HERE?
HUH?
OH, ALRIGHT..

Smile
HM?
WAIT...
THAT'S NOT WHY I...
WHAT THE HELL? IS SHE TRYING TO PICK ME UP?!
DAMMIT! IF ONLY I DIDN'T HAVE TO MEET HAJIME...
AND WHERE IS HE, ANYWAY?!
AND I REALLY CAN'T, UH...
Mumble
Mumble
BUT I'M WAITING FOR SOME-ONE ELSE TO SHOW UP...
UM... SORRY
WHAT...?
LISTEN
HE'S NOT COMING...
SCRUNK
OH!
EXCUSE ME, I HAVE TO MAKE A PHONE CA...

IF YOU'RE HERE ABOUT THE KIKUCHIYAS, THEN TALK WITH ME
...WHAT?!

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OOHH, NO WAY!
YOU NEVER SEE HOTEL ROOMS LIKE THIS UNLESS IT'S ON TV!
CAN WE REALLY STAY HERE, YUKI?
YEAH, IT'S COOL.
THE GUEST BACKED OUT AT THE LAST MINUTE
Beep
Beep
I JUST HUNG OUT WITH YOU BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING BETTER TO DO.
The city's so pretty at night.
I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU WERE THE HEIR TO A BIG HOTEL CHAIN! I LUCKED OUT!
YOU'RE LIKE SOME BIG-TIME CELEBRITY!
IT'S NOT AS GREAT AS YOU THINK.
JUST NORMAL FOR ME.
IT'S NORMAL FOR YOU TO PICK UP A GIRL AND TAKE HER UP TO YOUR FANCY HOTEL SUITE?
TODAY'S DIFFERENT! I HAD LUCK ON MY SIDE
MY FAMILY'S JUST NEW MONEY. THAT'S ALL.

MM?
Splash
NAH.
...ISN'T THAT ALL YOU REALLY NEED?
THAT'S THE ONLY THING WE HAVE MONEY.
I'VE FOUND THAT MONEY ALONE ISN'T ENOUGH...
UHN!
WAIT...
YUKI...

AH!
I WANT TO KEEP PUSHING HIGHER..
Tremble
NGH!
AND MAKE MY MARK ON THE WORLD, Y'KNOW?
AHH
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT EVEN MORE
Ah!
THEN
WHAT ELSE COULD YOU NEED?
Hmph.

I DON'T
HNNGH!
I GUESS YOU WOULDN'T GET IT.
AH!
WELL, WHATEVER
GET WHAT YOU MEAN
GET BACK UP.

Shiver
HNN
...
...NGH
HAAH
Flop
HAA
WHOA
IT'S JUST FLOODING OUT OF YOU
GLURCH
HAA
NO
...
DON'T
THE BATH WATER, MAYBE?
IT'S REALLY HOT ♡
Slrp
...AH!
UHN!
QUIT DOING THAT!
Slurch
Slurch
Slurch
Slurch

MMGH
Smooch
Smooch
MM!
MM...
CAN I PUT IT IN NOW?
OKAY.
Twitch
NGH!
AH!
WHAP
HYAAH...!
THE WATER'S SO HOT!
WHAP

WHUD
HAA!
AH ...
MM!
Shiver
Shiver
WHAP
I'M GETTING DIZZY...
WHAP
WHUD
Shch
AH ...!
YOUR PUSSY'S AMAZING
IT'S SQUEEZING ME LIKE CRAZY
Shch
WHUD
Shch
AH!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
I'M GONNA

TREMBLE
AAHHH ...!
TREMBLE
HAA!
NGH!
AH!
SPLAASHH
SO, ABOUT WHAT YOU SAID EARLIER
MM?

ACTUALLY, I'VE ALREADY STARTED
YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO MAKE YOUR MARK IN THE WORLD, RIGHT?
NO, I DID!
Clop
Oh!
NAH, I'M FINE ON THAT FRONT
YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T HEAR ME RIGHT
WHAT WAS IT THAT YOU WANTED SO MUCH?
IF IT'S A GIRLFRIEND, THEN HOW ABOUT ME? ♡
I GOT TONS OF CONNECTIONS SO I'M PUTTIN' THEM TO USE
DOIN' LOTSA STUFF
NAH, NAH WAY OFF
HUH? DID YOU GET A NEW JOB OR SOMETHING?
I MIGHT NEED IT.
YEAH
Hmm.
I STILL DON'T GET WHAT YOU MEAN, BUT
GOOD LUCK, I GUESS?

YOU'RE A... FREELANCE WRITER...?
HUH
Mitsumi Yanamoto
BUT... HOW'D YOU FIND OUT ABOUT ME, THEN?
I'VE BEEN HUNTING DOWN EVERY LAST DETAIL I CAN FIND ABOUT THE KIKUCHIYAS
YEP!
Nice to meet you!
JUST YOUR EVERYDAY JOURNALIST! ♡
YOU COULD SAY IT'S MY LIFE WORK, REALLY...
... WHAT'S THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ANYTHING?
I'D OVERHEARD HIM ON THE PHONE ONCE OR TWICE...
LET'S SEE... HAJIME NITTA, RIGHT?
THROUGH YOUR BROTHER
!

I'm outta here!
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THIS STUFF WITH A STRANGER!
HOLD ON! CALM DOWN!
Scrunk
AGGH! I COULD KILL HIM!
Did I surprise you?
SO I THOUGHT I'D BUY THIS MEETING OFF OF HIM!
HUH?
SO YOU ALSO...
LET ME EXPLAIN.
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY VICTIM OF THE KIKUCHIYAS I'M ONE TOO.
THAT MAKES US BROTHERS-IN-ARMS, RIGHT?
We should team up!
WHADDYA MEAN?! THAT'S NOT OKAY AT ALL!
IT'S OKAY, THOUGH IT'S NOT EVEN WORTH WORRYING ABOUT ANYMORE!
Why aren't you mad about it?!
It's ancient history!
WHAT?! SHE'S NOT EVEN UPSET ABOUT IT?!
A LOOONG LONG TIME AGO, MY DADDY'S COMPANY GOT RUN RIGHT OUT OF BUSINESS BY THE KIKUCHIYAS!
SPLIT UP THE WHOLE FAMILY, TOO!

IN ANY CASE, MY GOAL IS TO WRITE A BIG EXPOSÉ ON THE KIKUCHIYAS
BUT THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH I CAN DO WHEN I'M WORKING ALONE
IT'S A REALLY NASTY OUTFIT, LET ME TELL YOU
NASTY? HOW SO?
Figures
THE WAY THEY LIKE TO OPERATE
IS TO EXERT CONTROL THROUGH DEBT.
WHEN YOU'RE THE MASTER OF SOMEONE'S DEBT, YOU'VE REALLY GOT THAT PARTY BY THE TAIL, DON'T YOU?
IT ALLOWS YOU TO FORCE YOUR DEBTOR TO DO WHATEVER YOU WISH.
LIKE ME, FOR EXAMPLE...
THE KIKUCHIYAS CAN MAKE OTHERS LABOR FOR THEIR OWN PROFIT...
OR JUST DESTROY COMPANIES AT THEIR WHIM, LIKE WITH MY FAMILY.

IN A MOST UNUSUAL TWIST ..
BUT NOW ...
FOR THE KIKUCHIYAS, 80 MILLION YEN IS NOTHING.
WHY TARGET ONE PERSON WITH IT?
AND WHAT COULD THAT PERSON DO TO SURVIVE THAT DEBT?
IT ISN'T A COMPANY THAT'S BEING SADDLED WITH THE DEBT, BUT A SINGLE PERSON.
AND FOR 80 MILLION YEN, AT THAT!
....!
PERHAPS YOU CAN TELL ME ...
MR. SHIN NITTA.

I WONDER... SHOULD I TELL HER ABOUT KANO?
Clench
I DON'T THINK I CAN BLUFF MY WAY THROUGH THIS.
... THE THING IS...
I KIND OF STRUCK A DEAL.
OR I WAS FORCED INTO IT, ANYWAY.
A DEAL?

THE DAUGHTER?
YOU MEAN ..
I HAD TO MAKE FRIENDS ...
WITH THE DAUGHTER.

KANOKO KIKUCHIYA?
IT'S BEAUTIFUL ON YOU!
I THINK IT GIVES YOU A WHOLE NEW LOOK!
MM...
MAYBE WE COULD FIND SOME ACCESSORIES FOR IT TOO!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO A PARTY THEN I THINK I HAVE JUST THE...
...EITHER WAY'S FINE WITH ME

WHAT'S THAT?
.....
WHATEVER YOU CHOOSE ...
IS FINE WITH ME.
I DON'T CARE.
OH, UM.. I SEE.
YOU'RE HERE BY YOURSELF TODAY, THEN?
IS YOUR USUAL COMPANION STILL AT WORK?
OH ..
I'M SORRY.

OOHH! SHE WAS SO SCARY TODAY!
Whew
SOMEONE IN HER FAMILY ORDERED THE DRESS FOR HER.
SHE'S PROBABLY JUST UPSET ABOUT IT
SHINKOSA
IS IT TRUE? IS SHE CUTE?
I've never seen a picture.
UGH
LOOK
WAIT
YOU KNOW HER NAME?
OF COURSE I KNOW HER NAME!
SHE'S FAMOUS! SHE'S SUPPOSED TO BE REALLY CUTE!
IT SOUNDS LIKE SHE JUST LIVES A LIFE OF IDLE LUXURY I HAVEN'T EVER BUMPED INTO HER
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M REALLY INVOLVED WITH HER OR ANY-THING, OKAY?
I MEAN, HER APPEAR-ANCE OF ALL THINGS..

I'VE NEVER EVEN GIVEN IT THE SLIGHTEST THOUGHT.
...UH HUH
WELL, I GUESS YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL SINCE THEY CAN HIT YOU WHERE IT HURTS
HAHAHA!
BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! I DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE CONNECTED TO THE KIKUCHIYA FAMILY ITSELF!
TODAY'S BEEN MY LUCKY DAY!
NOW THEN, MY BROTHER-IN-ARMS!
GRAB
Gah!

MAKE SURE YOU KEEP THAT FRIEND-SHIP GOING!
WHA ...
AND DON'T FORGET TO KEEP ME IN THE LOOP!
WAIT A SECOND!
NO WAY!
WHY SHOULD I?!
DON'T BE SILLY!
AS IT STANDS, YOU'RE POWER-LESS AGAINST THEM, RIGHT?
BUT IF YOU HAVE ANY METHOD IN YOUR ARSENAL TO HIT THE COMPANY BACK, NOW'S THE TIME TO CONSIDER IT!
MAYBE YOU COULD STRIKE A NEW DEAL WITH THEM AND GET YOUR DEBT FORGIVEN!
WHAT?!
WHAT THE HELL IS SHE TALKING ABOUT?!
BUT ..
THAT'S RIDIC-ULOUS!
SHE CAN'T BE SERIOUS!
WELL PERHAPS IT IS.
I WON'T TELL YOU WHAT TO DO.

WHY DON'T YOU THINK IT OVER?
IT ALL DEPENDS ON IF YOU CAN BRING ME SOME USEFUL INFORMATION.
.....
UH OH! I NEED TO GET GOING.
ANYWAY, I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU!
I'LL TAKE ONE OF YOUR CARDS. ♡
Hey!
WHAT ARE YOU ---
THAT'S MY BAG!

WE'LL HAVE TO LEAVE IT AT THAT.
I'LL BE IN TOUCH, THOUGH!
BUT... HOLD ON...
YOU CAN'T JUST SAY THAT AND RUN OUT!
WAIT UP A SECOND!
WHAT NOW?
You're gonna make me late for work.

ISN'T THAT SOMETHING YOU SHOULD DECIDE FOR YOURSELF?
REAL-LY!
WHAT THE HELL AM I SUPPOSED TO DO HERE?
I'M JUST TRYING TO MAKE A NAME FOR MYSELF AS A WRITER, AND USING THE KIKUCHIYAS TO DO IT
IF YOU'RE HAPPY WITH HOW THINGS ARE GOING NOW THERE'S NO REA SON YOU HAVE TO HELP ME
I'LL FIND ANOTHER WAY
YOU KNOW ...

IF YOU SPEND ALL YOUR TIME WORRYING ABOUT WHAT TO DO, THEN NOTHING WILL EVER CHANGE, WILL IT?
.....
SHE DOESN'T HOLD BACK, THAT ONE...

"IF YOU'RE HAPPY WITH HOW THINGS ARE GOING NOW..."
THE HELL I AM!
GIMME A BREAK.
IT NEVER EVEN CROSSED MY MIND...
THAT I COULD STRIKE A DEAL WITH THEM AND GET MY DEBT WIPED OUT
PLEASE
LIKE THAT COULD EVER HAPPEN
FWUMP
UUGHH...
I'M POOPED
WHAT A DAY THIS HAS BEEN
Limp
JESUS CHRIST
WHAT NOW?!

I THOUGHT I WAS REALLY GOING OUT ON A LIMB TO GET HER NUMBER, TOO...
I GOTTA WRITE BACK, FAST!
I THOUGHT I'D HAVE TO CHASE HER FIRST!
NO FRIGGIN' WAY!
VRMP
WHOA...!
umi Saeki
vas nice to see you ain today! D I was ttle surprised, but happy we bumped each other!

WUMPF
MAYBE NEXT TIME WE'LL HAVE A LITTLE MORE TIME TO SIT DOWN AND CHAT!
Thumb-thumb Thumb-thumb

DAMMIT...
I DON'T CARE IF SHE'S JUST BEING POLITE
FOR ONCE, I'M HAPPY...

Vssh
Vsshh
Glonk
I'M OUT OF IT TODAY
HAAH
I KNEW IT WOULD LOOK WONDERFUL ON YOU!!

THIS IS GOING TO BE A REAL, PROPER SOCIAL GATHERING, AFTER ALL .
A CUTE LITTLE DRESS LIKE THIS IS JUST THE RIGHT THING FOR YOU, KANOKO
IF YOU SHOWED UP AS YOUR USUAL SELF, THEY'D LAUGH YOU RIGHT OUT OF THE PLACE

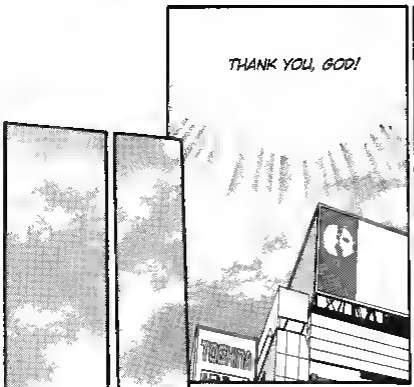
I CAN STILL FEEL THE CHILL
WHERE SHE TOUCHED ME
Ca-chunk
IT MAKES MY STOMACH TURN
HOW COULD I EVER WEAR SOMETHING SHE CHOSE FOR ME?

Chapter 15 ◆ Tactics

I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU, SHIN
GOT IT
"I KNOW IT'S A LITTLE SUDDEN, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I'M GETTING TRANSFERRED TO A NEW OFFICE NEXT WEEK."
HUH ..?
"HEY! IT'S RUMI SAEKI AGAIN!"
!
IT'S FROM RUMI
Clap
"I THINK MY NEXT OFFICE IS GOING TO BE FURTHER AWAY, TOO..."
FOR REAL? DAMMIT!
AND IT LOOKED LIKE I FINALLY HAD A SHOT WITH HER! PLEASE, GOD.
"STILL .."

HELL YEAH!
Gah! What the?!
SCRUNK!

"WE'VE COME ALL THIS WAY. MAYBE WE COULD GET DINNER BEFORE I LEAVE?"

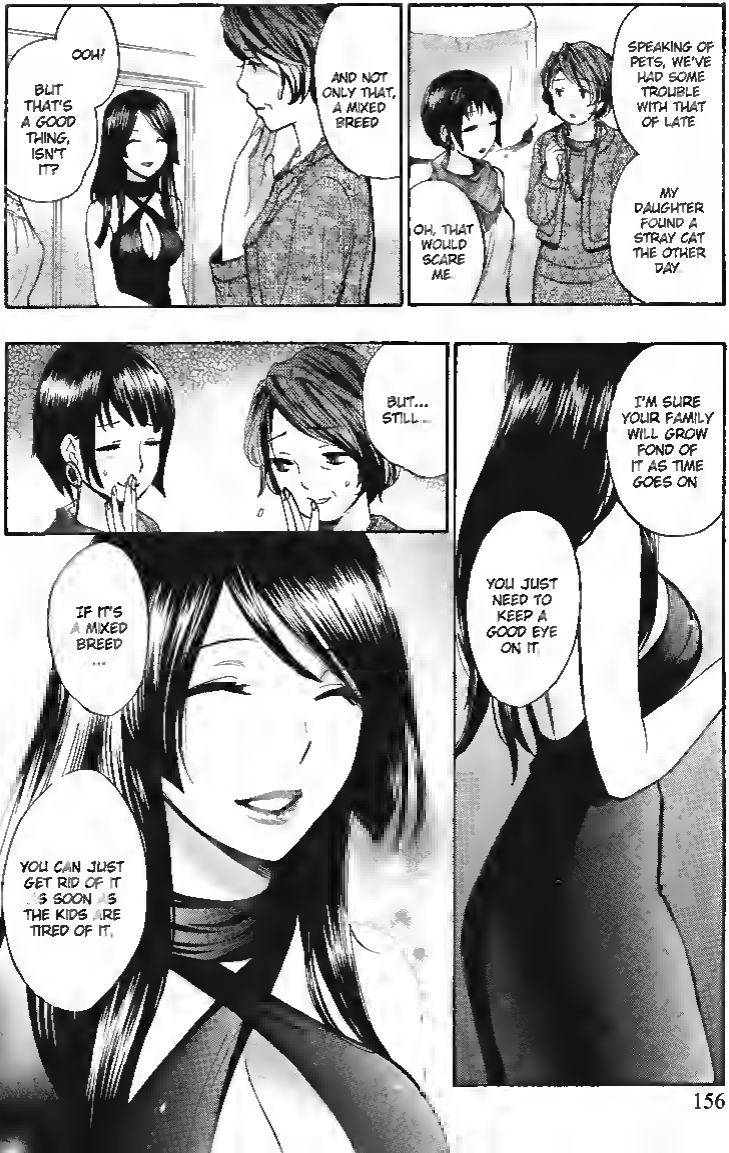

THANK YOU, GOD!

ANYWAY, I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM KANO TODAY.
Gonna tell her right now.
I'M GOING WITH RUMI!

Chatter
Chatter
WHY IF IT ISN'T YORIKO! AND KANOKO!
I'M THRILLED TO SEE THAT YOU COULD MAKE IT TONIGHT!
AH, MR. ICHIKAWA! AND KOU!
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE INVITATION!
MY HUSBAND WANTED TO ATTEND, BUT UNFORTUNATELY HE WAS UNABLE
OH! DON'T BE.
I HOPE HE MAKES A SPEEDY RECOVERY.
WE'RE TERRIBLY SORRY

I HADN'T SEEN YOU IN A WHILE, KANOKO.
THANK YOU FOR BEING SUCH A GOOD FRIEND TO KOU
OH ... NO TROUBLE AT ALL
AHH, HOW JEALOUS I AM OF MR. KIKUCHIYA
SURROUNDED BY HIS BEAUTIFUL WIFE AND DAUGHTER
OH, HOW ...
ONLY MEN IN OUR FAMILY, UNFORTUNATELY.
HEY! KANO!
YUKI?
MY OLD MAN WANTED TO TALK TO YOU FOR A SECOND.
I'M GONNA GO SAY HI TO YOUR MOM.
ONCE THIS IS DONE, LET'S GET OUTTA HERE.
The party sucks...
WE'LL GO TO THE AFTERPARTY BEFORE EVERYONE ELSE.

HEY, KANO! SMILE A LITTLE!
THESE OLD FARTS ARE GONNA START SAYING SOMETHING IF YOU DON'T PERK UP.
YEAH, I KNOW.
Shut up...
ALRIGHT
ANYWAY
WE JUST RETURNED FROM A TOUR WE WERE INVITED ON.
I MUST SAY, IT WAS VERY REFRESHING.
THEY EVEN ALLOWED PETS IT WAS VERY PLEASANT.


SPEAKING OF PETS, WE'VE HAD SOME TROUBLE WITH THAT OF LATE
MY DAUGHTER FOUND A STRAY CAT THE OTHER DAY.
OH, THAT WOULD SCARE ME.
AND NOT ONLY THAT, A MIXED BREED
OOH!
BUT THAT'S A GOOD THING, ISN'T IT?
I'M SURE YOUR FAMILY WILL GROW FOND OF IT AS TIME GOES ON
YOU JUST NEED TO KEEP A GOOD EYE ON IT.
BUT... STILL...
IF IT'S A MIXED BREED ...
YOU CAN JUST GET RID OF IT AS SOON AS THE KIDS ARE TIRED OF IT.

IT WILL BE
IT MIGHT BE A GOOD LESSON FOR THEM
OH...
I SUPPOSE SO

EVEN A MIXED BREED HAS ITS USES

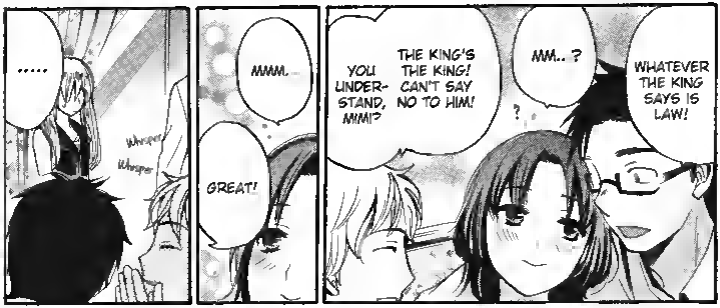
CROWD
CROWD
WHAT THE HELL?
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING HERE? I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ALONE WITH KANO!
WHY WOULD THE AFTER-PARTY BE BETTER WITH LESS PEOPLE?
THE PARTY SUCKED, ANYWAY.
Where's the booze, man?

YUKI
YOUR PHONE'S RINGING.
HUH?
FUCK!
IT'S MY DAD!
ARE YOU GUYS CALLING MORE PEOPLE?!
HELLO?
HEY, I'M AT YUKI'S HOTEL.
OKAY COOL
YO, BRING THAT GIRL FROM LAST TIME, OKAY?
HE CAN GO AS LONG AS HE WANTS.
Jeez!
I don't care.
THAT'S MEAN, KANO
SORRY! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
SHIN?
Beep Beep
GONNA FINISH THIS UP, AND THEN IT'S DIN-DIN WITH RUMI!

SORRY TO BUG YOU, BUT ONE OF OUR FRIENDS IS OPENING A NEW RESTAURANT TONIGHT!
FOOD'S ON THE HOUSE, TOO
UM
You should come.
DO YOU WANT TO COME CELEBRATE WITH US?
TONIGHT?
CRINGE
I WISH I COULD GO, BUT
OH NO!
I'M SO SORRY!
I ALREADY MADE PLANS FOR TONIGHT!
CRINGE
HAVEN'T SEEN HIM THIS FLUTTERY IN A LONG TIME.
HE'S A LOT BETTER WHEN HE'S BROODING
NO NO NO! NOT THAT! BUT, UH... SOMETHING BIG!
GOT A HOT DATE OR SOMETHING?
UM . YOU... YOU THINK?
WHAT... WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
EASY, PARTNER

HEY! KANO!
NAHH! I COULD STILL HAVE A FEW MORE!
UH OOH! SOMEONE'S TIPSYYY!
JEEZ, YOU'RE DRINKIN' ENOUGH FOR TWO TONIGHT, ARENCHA?
NO, I'M FINE
NEED SOMETHING TO DRINK?
Haha!
Ahaha!
HEYYY EVERYBODY! LET'S PLAY THE KING GAME!
HUH? WHAT'S THAT?
SHE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO SAY NO
Ugh...

I GUESS I DON'T REMEMBER.
YOU REMEMBER, KANO? YOU GOTTA DO WHATEVER THE KING SAYS, RIGHT?
WHAT WERE THE RULES AGAIN?
Do we draw straws or something?
SHIT, DUDE!
THE KING GAME?
PSH!


.....
Whisper Whisper
MMM.
GREAT!
YOU UNDERSTAND, MIMI?
THE KING'S THE KING! CAN'T SAY NO TO HIM!
MM.. ?
WHATEVER THE KING SAYS IS LAW!

OH.. NOTHING
WHAT WAS THAT?
TELL THEM NO

Woohoo!
BOOYAH! I'M THE KING!
GAAH!
Nooo!
YOU'VE GONE MAD WITH POWER!
NUMBER TWO AND NUMBER FOUR HAVE TO PINCH EACH OTHERS' NIPPLES!
THIS COULD BE BAD
OKAY, UM... NOW YOU'RE THE QUEEN, KANO.

I DON'T CARE.

OH!
LIKE THIS, FOR EXAMPLE

We've got girls here!
YEAH IT SHOULD BE STUFF THAT'S ACTUALLY PLEASANT.
NO STUFF THAT HURTS, OKAY?

NUMBER ONE HAS TO GET A NOSEBLEED
C'MON! I CAN'T EVEN DO THAT!

NUMBER FOUR HAS TO LICK THE KING.
Y'KNOW, LIKE THAT!
LICK WHERE ON THE KING?
SHOULD BE OBVIOUS, RIGHT?
WHO'S GOT FOUR?
OH.. ME
OH THANK GOD!
I DUNNO WHAT I WOULD DO IF IT WAS A GUY!
?
UM ..
YOU GOTTA LICK HIM NOW
HE'S THE KING! YOU GOTTA OBEY HIS WORD!
BUT ...
YEAH, UNTIL I COME, OKAY?
AH ...
OKAY .

NGH
Slurp
Slurp
...YOU GUYS ARE ABSOLUTE PIGS.
YOU SET THIS UP!
NAH, IT JUST ENDED UP THIS WAY.
BESIDES, IF SHE REALLY DOESN'T LIKE IT, WE'LL STOP.
Check it out...
IT'S HER FAULT FOR PUTTING HERSELF IN THIS POSITION.
I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T CARE WHAT HAPPENED.
IT'S JUST A GAME, ANYWAY. CHILL OUT.

OKAY! I'M THE NEXT KING!
BOYS GET TO FEEL THE GIRLS' BOOBS!

Dead Drunk

Hmmh.
YOU DON'T CARE, DO YOU?
WAS THAT IN THE RULES?
WHO CARES?
AH

HAA..!
NO...
AH...♡
HAA!

DRIP
HAAH!
DRIP
DRIP
HAAH
HAA!

C'MON, KANO
.....
IT'S NOT FAIR TO MIMI IF SHE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO'S PLAYING
!
JERK
!
YOU'RE NOT GONNA BACK OUT NOW, ARE YOU?
YOU ALWAYS ACT LIKE EVERYTHING BUGS YOU SO MUCH
BUT YOU NEVER EVEN WORK UP THE EFFORT TO ARGUE ABOUT IT.
JUST LIKE ALWAYS ..

Squeeze
HNGH!
AH!
AH
WHOA! WHAT THE?!
IS THAT WHAT YOU LIKED? I CAN'T REMEMBER
RGH
OH!
I THINK I KNOW
IS IT THAT OLD GUY?
MGH

.....
LOOKS LIKE HE TURNED YOU ON TO THIS STUFF!
NO...
I...
LOOK AT YOU SQUIRM!
Squeeze
Squeeze
I BET THAT GUY'S ALWAYS PLAYING WITH YOUR
OH, WOW
LOOK!
THEY GOT STARTED ALREADY
HAA!
AH...
HARDER!
SLRCH
SLRCH

SLP
HNGH...!
MM!
NGH!
SLP
THAT'S SO GOOD!
WHAP
WHUD
UHHN!
HAA..!
AH!
SPLURT
AH!
HAAH!
AH...!
HOLY SHIT.

LET ME GO!
FINE
STOP IT!
...NO!
DAMN, THAT LOOKS FUN
LET'S DO THAT NEXT.
Shiv
I HOPE YOU WEREN'T WAITING!
OH! RUMI!
NOT AT ALL.
OKAY!
SHALL WE GET GOING?

SO HAS ANYTHING HAPPENED SINCE LAST TIME?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
Y'KNOW, WITH THE KIKUCHIYA GIRL!
NAH, NOTHIN' TO REPORT.
REALLY? CAN'T YOU PICK UP THE PACE A LITTLE?
YOU MUST HAVE DONE A LITTLE DIGGING ON YOUR OWN! COME ON!
LISTEN, MITSUMI
WHAT?
CAN I HAVE FIFTEEN FRIGGIN' MINUTES WHERE YOU'RE NOT BLOWING UP MY PHONE?!
I'M BUSY TONIGHT!
I'M HANGING UP!
You're driving me nuts!
Tch!
WHY DO I EVEN BOTHER
HEY, SHUT UP!
CLICK!

Chapter 16 ◆ Guidance

HE HUNG UP ON ME...
YOUR BROTHER'S ALWAYS IN A RUSH, ISN'T HE?
NAH, YOU JUST NEVER LEAVE HIM ALONE, THAT'S ALL.
WHAT YOU SHOULD DO IS LET HIM BE FOR A WHILE.
HMM...
POKE
POKE
ONCE HE STOPS HEARING FROM YOU, HE'LL START GETTING WORRIED.
IF I CALL HIM AFTER I HAVEN'T TALKED TO HIM FOR A WHILE, HE HANGS OFF MY EVERY WORD. TRY IT!
HE'S LIKE A LITTLE PUPPY!
I THINK THAT'S JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE HIS BIG BROTHER
NAH, NAH HE'S LIKE THAT WITH EVERYBODY. ALWAYS HAS BEEN
HE'S A SENSITIVE KID...

I HADN'T THOUGHT OF THAT
SEE YOU PUSH HIM TOO HARD GO EASY AND HE'LL DO WHATEVER YOU WANT! ♡
BUT... WAIT...
AHH... I THINK I'M STARTING TO SEE.
Like once I saved this little brat...
LIKE I COULD BE A DICK NINE TIMES OUT OF TEN, BUT IF I DID SOMETHING GOOD THAT ONE TIME, HE'D BE SO HAPPY.
Me in middle school
Well, I was gonna eat it, but...
HE LOVED THAT LITTLE GLIMPSE OF ME BEING GOOD.
HOW 'BOUT AFTERWARDS, THEN?
UGH, YOU'RE SHITTIN' ME
YOU'RE NOT GETTING ANYTHING UNTIL YOU TELL ME SOMETHING BETTER THAN THAT!
?
WHAT? C'MON!
YOU GOTTA PAY ME BACK NOW THAT YOU KNOW HOW TO HANDLE MY BROTHER.
DON'T TELL ME YOU WANNA GO AGAIN?!
I NEED TO GET GOING NOW!
NO I DON'T!
HEY, LAY OFF I'M A GOOD BIG BROTHER.
I FEEL SORRY FOR HIM, WITH A BROTHER LIKE YOU
DON'T SAY THAT WHEN YOU'RE TAKING OFF MY PANTIES!

Drip..
YOUR LIPS SAY NO, BUT YOUR BODY SAYS YES..
YOU'RE BREAKING OUT THE LOTION?
HAH! PLEASE!
Smack
Smack
MM!
Smooch
LIHN ...
MMF ...
URGH ...
Splat
Splat
NOW, NOW, NOW
DON'T SPOIL THE MOOD
Slurch

SLURP
SLRP
THAT'S GROSS! DON'T LICK ME THERE!
STOP IT!
SHUDDER
HYAAH!
SLURP
QUIT IT!
TWITCH
URGH ...
YOU'RE TICKLING ME...
FLINCH
AH...!
SHIVER
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
OOH!
WHAT A CUTE LITTLE WHIMPER!
AH!
HAAH!
NOOO!
SHIVER

GRAB
TWIST
LOOK
I'M GIVIN' YA SOME REAL ADVICE HERE!
ARE YOU JUST SAYING THAT SO YOU CAN HAVE YOUR WAY WITH ME?
Dr me..
LIKE WITH MY BROTHER
YOU GOTTA JUST LET GO AND LET THINGS HAPPEN SOMETIMES
SEE, THE THING IS, YOU'RE TOO CONTROLLING
UH ...
SPREAD
...HUH?!
Blush

...
HAH
...
Slrp
WHAT, YOU EMBARRASSED?
Gyaaah!
STOP IT!
WHA ...
HEHE ..
YOU'RE A LITTLE CUTIE
HEY!
Jerk!
NOO!
TREMBLE
Huf..
Huf..
Muf..
THA-THUMP
...
URGH
...
Slrp
Slrch
Slrch
.....
WILL
HM?
WHAT'S THAT?

SHIVER
AH!
AAHH!
SHIVER
NOO!
AH!
YOU WANT ME TO STICK MY DICK IN?
SLURCH

LIKE I SAID, YOUR LIPS SAY NO, BUT ..
SHUT UP!
WILL YOU QUIT FOOLING AROUND ALREADY?!
SLRCH
NAH, I CAN TELL YOU WANT THIS.
UHHN!
AH!
NOOO!

I'M GLAD
THAT AT LEAST I'M NOT RELATED TO YOU..
SQUEEZE
HAA!
GAH!
AH! ♡
AH... I'M...
YOU'RE WHAT?
HUH? WHY?
THEN WE COULDN'T HAVE SEX, YOU MEAN?
WHAT ARE YOU, STUPID?!
SLRCH
SLRCH
SLRCH
SQUEEZE
TWITCH
WHOA! FUCK!
QUIT SQUEEZIN' ME LIKE THAT!
HUH..?!
AH!
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
HOW ARE YOU. .
GETTING EVEN HARDER?!

SHIVER
ヒュ
SPLURT
ル
...HNGH!
AHH?!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

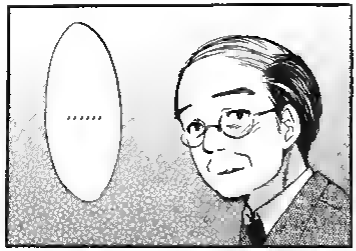
...HEY!
WAIT A SECOND, DID YOU JUST CALL ME STUPID?!
No one's called me that before!
YEAH, I'M REALLY GLAD

MMM.
YOU CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING MORE SPECIFIC?
ABOUT YOUR BROTHER, I MEAN
YES! WE DO!
OH GOD, DO WE HAVE TO?
ANYWAY
LET'S PICK UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF.
MORALS?
I'LL PUT IT THIS WAY...
HE'S BIG ON MORALS AND JUSTICE AND STUFF
MAYBE THAT KIND OF ANGLE WOULD WORK WITH HIM?
HE MAY BE A PUSHOVER AT HEART, BUT HE'S A STUBBORN BASTARD WHEN HE'S MADE HIS MIND UP.
CLOMP

Hmm
...
I'M SO SORRY!
I GOT A LITTLE LOST ON THE WAY OVER.
Hm
I'M JUST ABOUT THERE!
Sloonk
OH CRAP I'VE KEPT HER WAITING
WEL-COME!
HUFF
HUFF
BUT... WOW.
THIS PLACE IS A TEA HOUSE?
I THOUGHT IT WAS A HOUSE. I WENT RIGHT BY IT...
MR. NITTA!

WOW, THAT'S KANO'S STEPMOM, ALRIGHT ...
Bow
SHE'S NEVER ANYTHING LESS THAN STRIKING.
I APOLOGIZE FOR THE SHORT NOTICE!
IT'S BEEN TOO LONG!
I'M DELIGHTED TO SEE YOU COULD MAKE IT
PLEASE, HAVE A SEAT.
EVEN AT MY AGE, I CAN'T BEAR TO HAVE TEA ALONE.

OH
OKAY!
WHAT COULD SHE WANT WITH SOME DOPE LIKE ME?
Creak
MR. ISHIZUKA?
AH! MISS KANOKO!
I AM READY WHEN YOU ARE
AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, YOUR STEPMOTHER IS OUT OF THE HOUSE FOR THE TIME BEING
OKAY
GOOD.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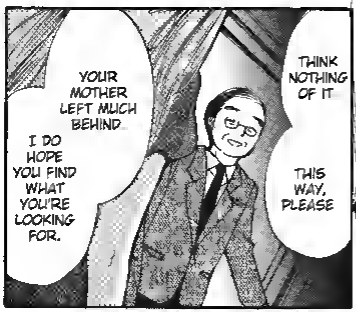
YOUR MOTHER LEFT MUCH BEHIND.
I DO HOPE YOU FIND WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.
THINK NOTHING OF IT.
THIS WAY, PLEASE

I KNOW IT'S NOT AN EASY REQUEST.
THANK YOU SO MUCH..

... MISS KANOKO?

BUT ARE YOU STILL SEEING YOUR "FRIEND?"
WELL
I BEG YOUR PARDON IF I'M BEING TOO INTRUSIVE
HM?
OH, THAT REMINDS ME
WHO CAME UP WITH THE "FRIEND" IDEA IN THE FIRST PLACE?
I DON'T REMEMBER ASKING FOR IT.
.....
.....
I'M NOT SURE THAT I CAN

IT'S OKAY
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME IF YOU DON'T WANT TO
YOU KNOW, I ENVY YOU, MR. NITTA.
SORRY TO TROUBLE YOU
HUH? YOU DO?
YOU GET ALONG SO WELL WITH KANOKO.
SHE HARDLY EVER SPEAKS TO ME.
HEH... I DUNNO
Munch Munch
THINGS AREN'T GOING THAT WELL.
I WONDER HOW MUCH SHE KNOWS.
SHE DOESN'T SEEM TO KNOW ABOUT THE SEX STUFF.
FORTUNATELY.
YOU KNOW, I THINK IT'S TIME I ASKED HER.
UM... BY THE WAY...
OH!

I IMAGINE YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT MY ALL MY DEBT STUFF, RIGHT?
HOW LONG IS THE DEAL GOING TO LAST?
THE DEAL?
I MEAN ... MY, UH...
LIKE, I GOTTA BE FRIENDS WITH KINOKO, AND...
I... UM...
GOD DAMMIT!
WHY DO I KEEP STAM-MERING?!
HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO KEEP ... UH...
HOW CAN I PUT IT ...
DON'T WORRY.

I CAN TELL THAT KANOKO HAS A LOT OF FAITH IN YOU. YOU DON'T NEED TO BE CONCERNED.
SHE'S NEVER HAD ANYONE LIKE YOU IN HER LIFE BEFORE. YOU'VE GIVEN HER THE STABILITY SHE NEEDS.
I KNOW SHE CAN BE A LITTLE HARD TO GET ALONG WITH
BUT WITH YOU AROUND, I THINK SHE'LL DO VERY WELL.
IT'S BEEN WONDERFUL TO SEE.
OH ...
IT'S NOTHING
AND RECENTLY
SHE SEEMS TO BE GETTING ALONG BETTER WITH EVERYONE AROUND HER
EVEN MYSELF ...
IF ONLY A LITTLE

AND I HAVE YOU TO THANK.
SO LET NOTHING TROUBLE YOU.
YOU ..
YOU REALLY THINK SO?
WHAT THE?

I'LL SEE YOU NEXT TIME!
I HOPE THIS WONDERFUL RAPPORT BETWEEN YOU AND KANOKO CONTINUES!
AH SURE
I GUESS IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYWAY...

WHAT WAS I GONNA ASK HER AGAIN?
WAS THAT WHAT IT WAS?

"MAKE SURE YOU KEEP ME IN THE LOOP!"
BUT...
IF I GIVE MITSUMI ANY INFORMATION ...
IT MIGHT SINK ANY HOPES OF RECON-CILIATION BETWEEN KANO AND HER STEP-MOTHER
Clomp
MA'AM?
WHERE TO NEXT?
I'M DINING WITH CHAIRMAN SATO.

STEP ON IT.
I'M NOT SURE.
IF I'M REALLY DOING THE RIGHT THING HERE...
BVVT
TALK

SHIN! I THINK YOU HAVE A MESSAGE!
It's here.
To:
New Message
Sub Re
Come by after work
Kano
WHOA IT'S BEEN A WHILE
.....
"KANOKO HAS A LOT OF FAITH IN YOU."
HM?
Huh!
GOT NO CHOICE, DO I?
OFF I GO!

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To be continued.

Zzzz
HEY, KANO!
YOU'LL CATCH A COLD IF YOU DON'T BUNDLE UP!
MMM
!
GRAB
Strong grip...
UH OH SHE WON'T LET GO
UM HELLO? KANO?
SQUEEZE
MM...

Thank you very much for reading to the end! I hope you'll be there for the next volume! —Chihiro Haromi

To my supervisor, the ever-helpful Chin-chan, Yaka, Jun chan, and everybody involved with VK, thank you!

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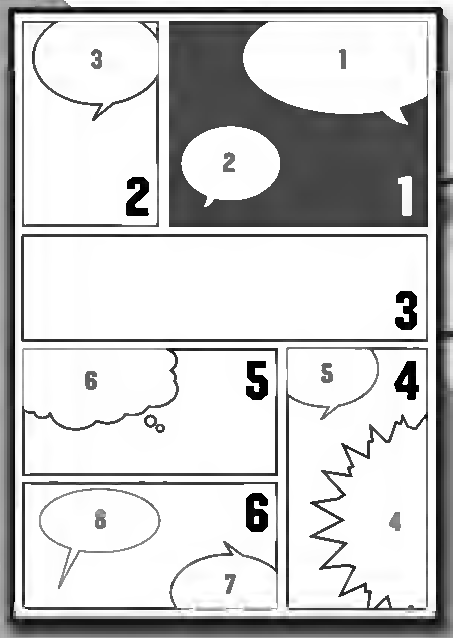

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